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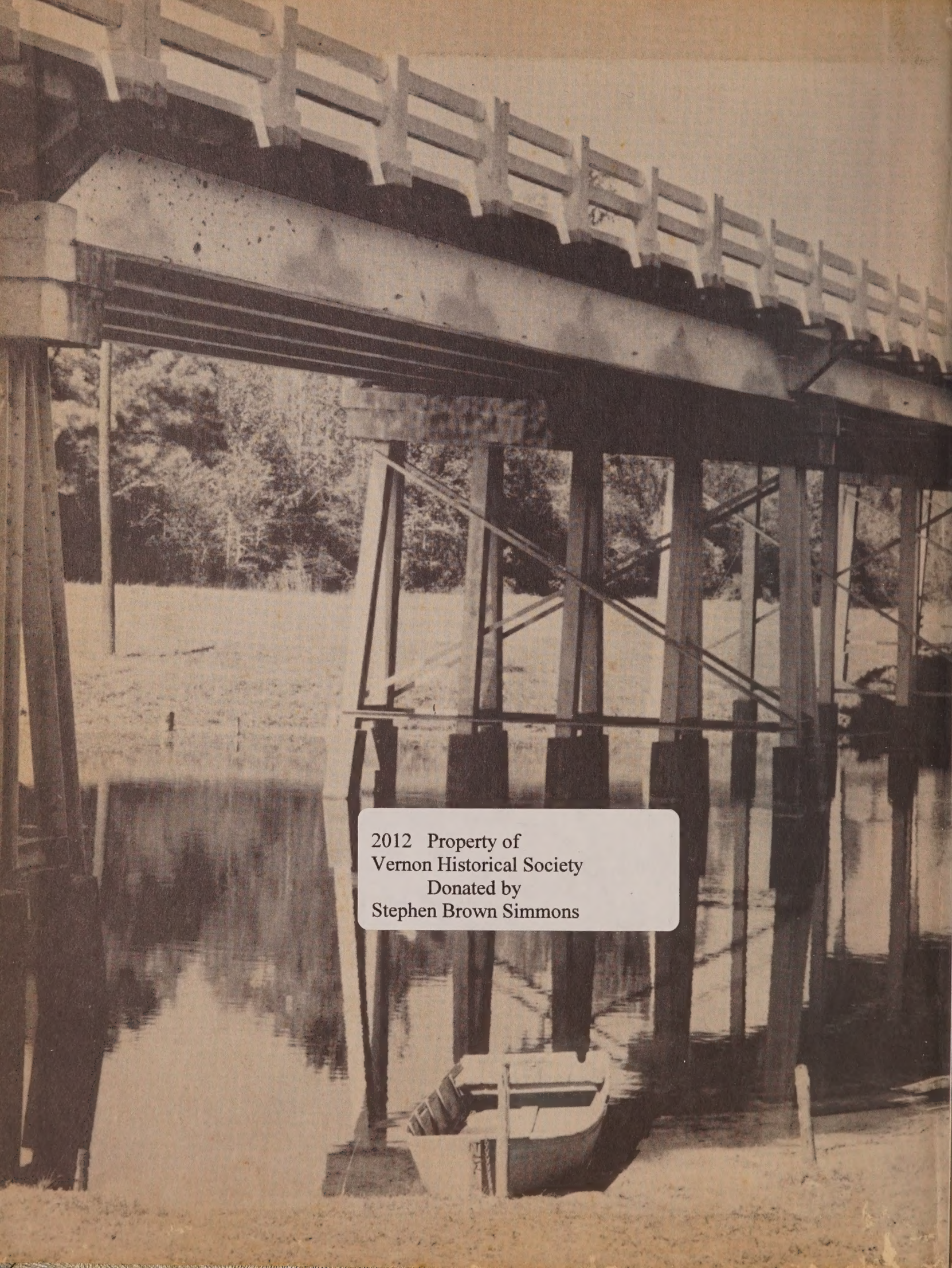

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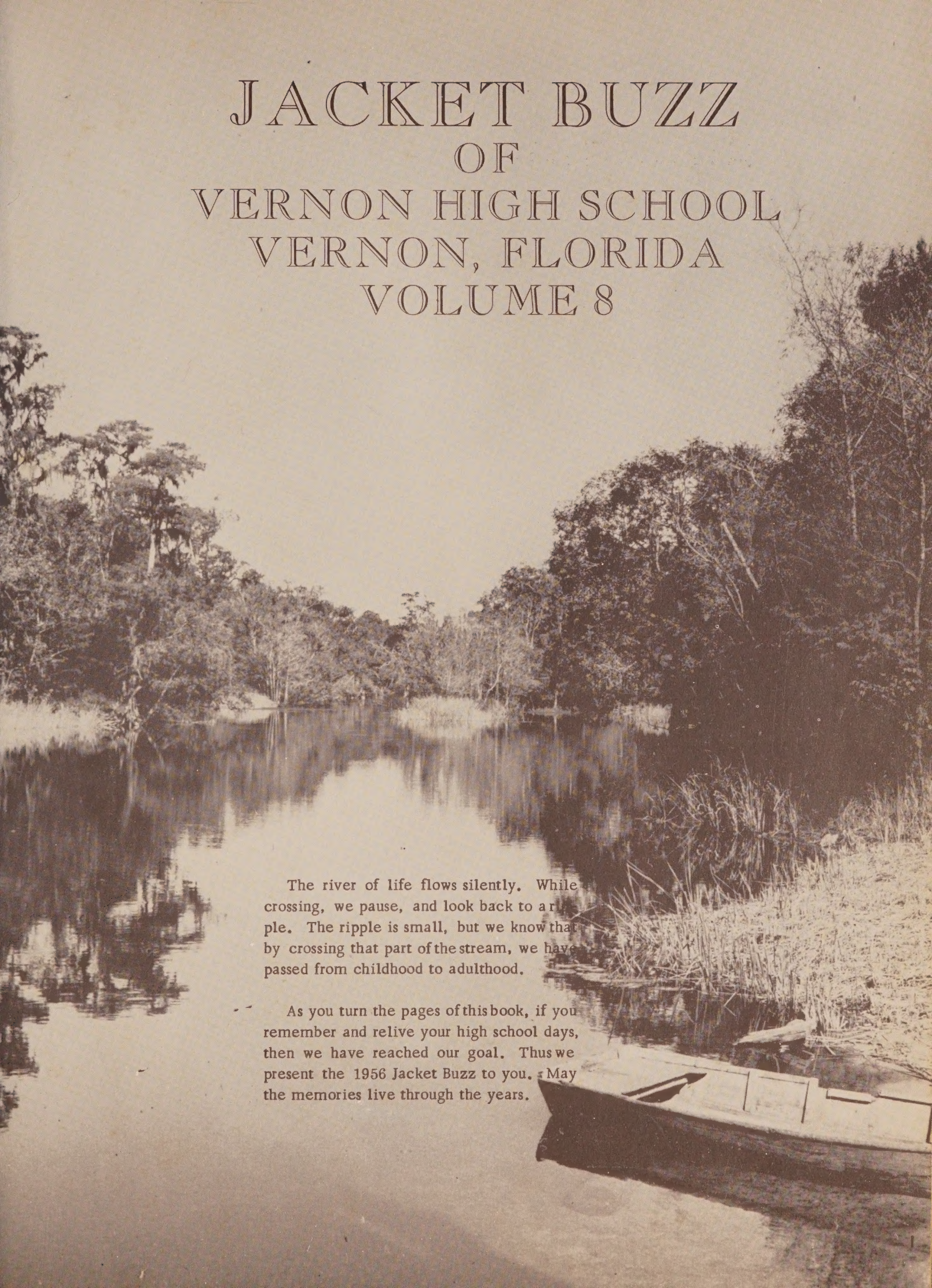
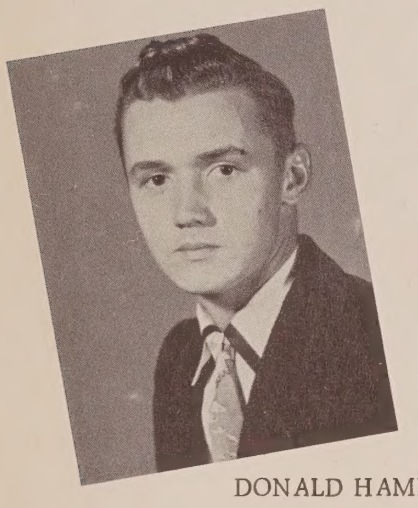


The river of life flows silently. While crossing, we pause, and look back to a ripple. The ripple is small, but we know that by crossing that part of the stream, we have passed from childhood to adulthood.

As you turn the pages of this book, if you remember and relive your high school days, then we have reached our goal. Thus we present the 1956 Jacket Buzz to you. May the memories live through the years.

AS WE

GERALDINE HICKS
Editor



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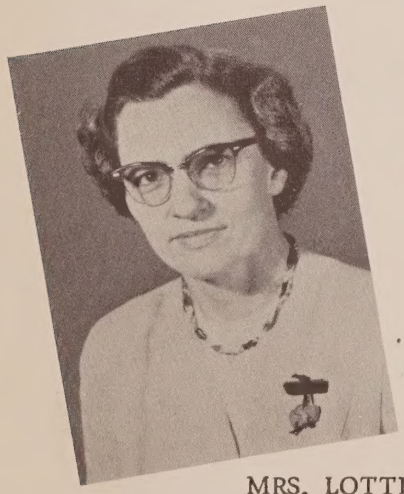

MRS. LOTTIE M. DYKES
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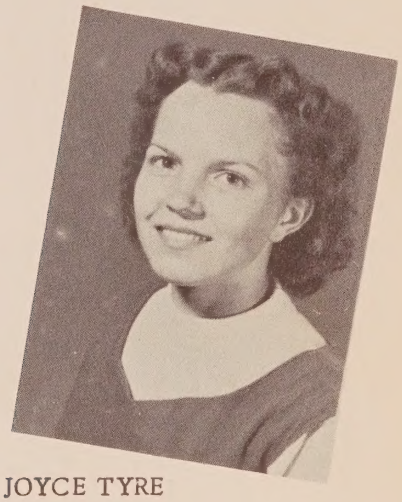

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AS WE DEDICATE

To you, Mr. Roche, for your help with the school paper, your sponsoring of the senior class and so many other things, along with your patience and understanding, we dedicate the 1956 Jacket Buzz.

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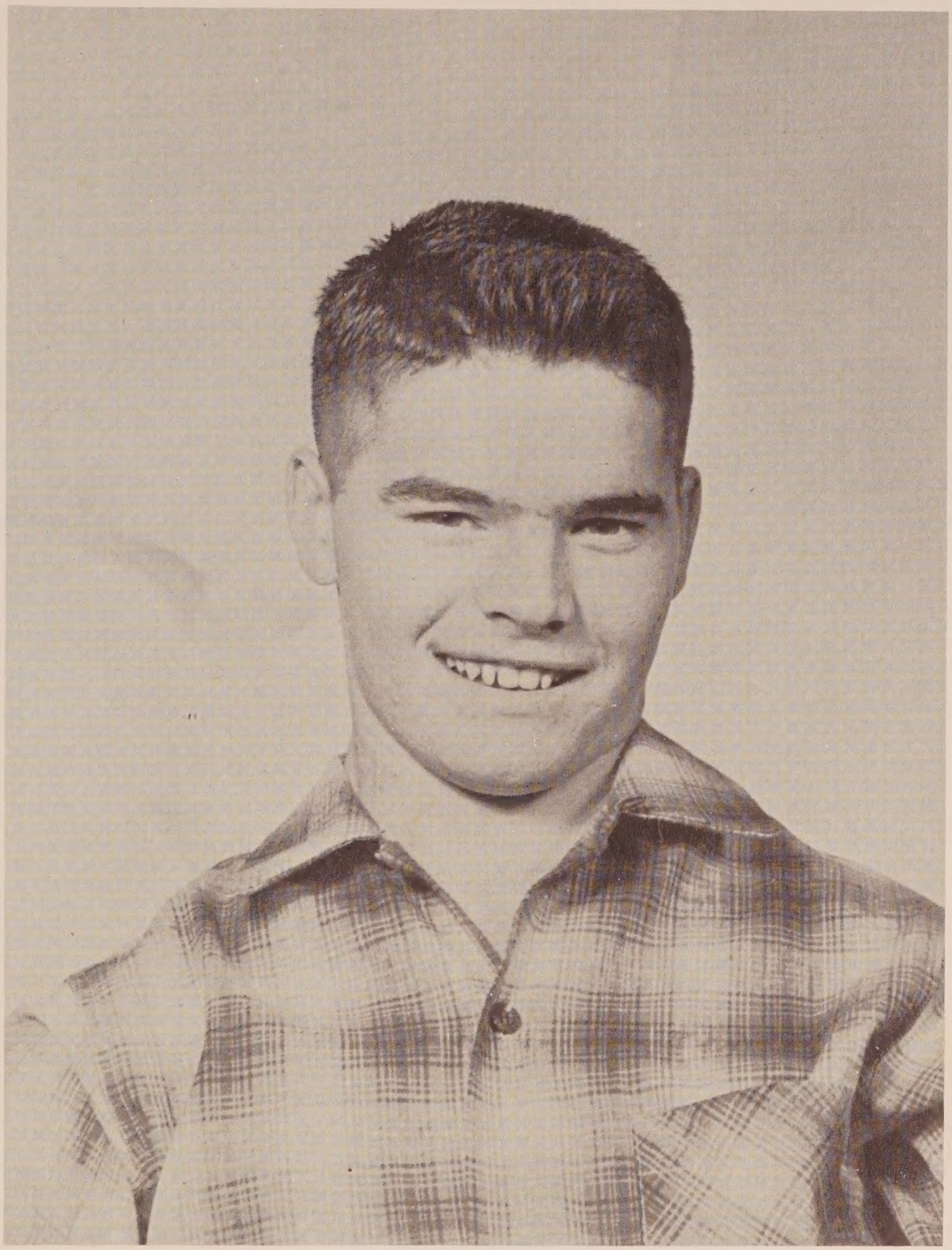

The graduating class of 1956 will always remember Wallace Harrell, who would have been a member of the senior class this year. During the summer of 1953, Wallace suffered a spinal injury while diving, and has not been able to attend school since. The class will never forget his cheerful attitude and pleasant disposition.

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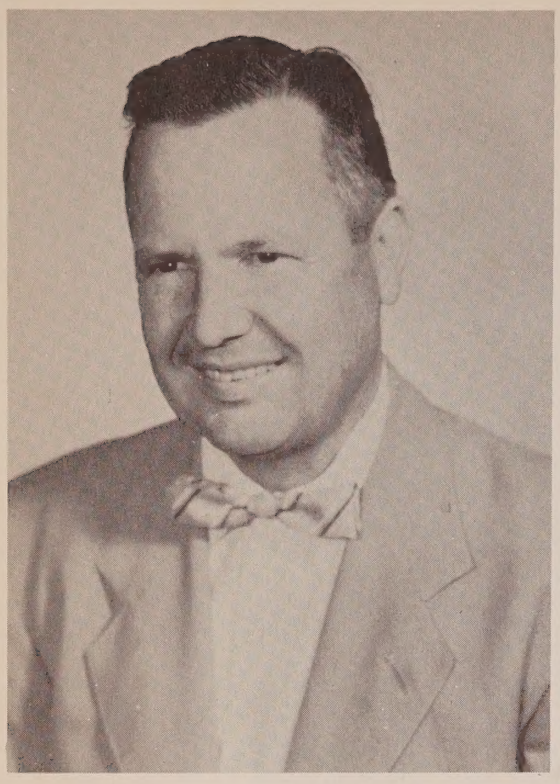
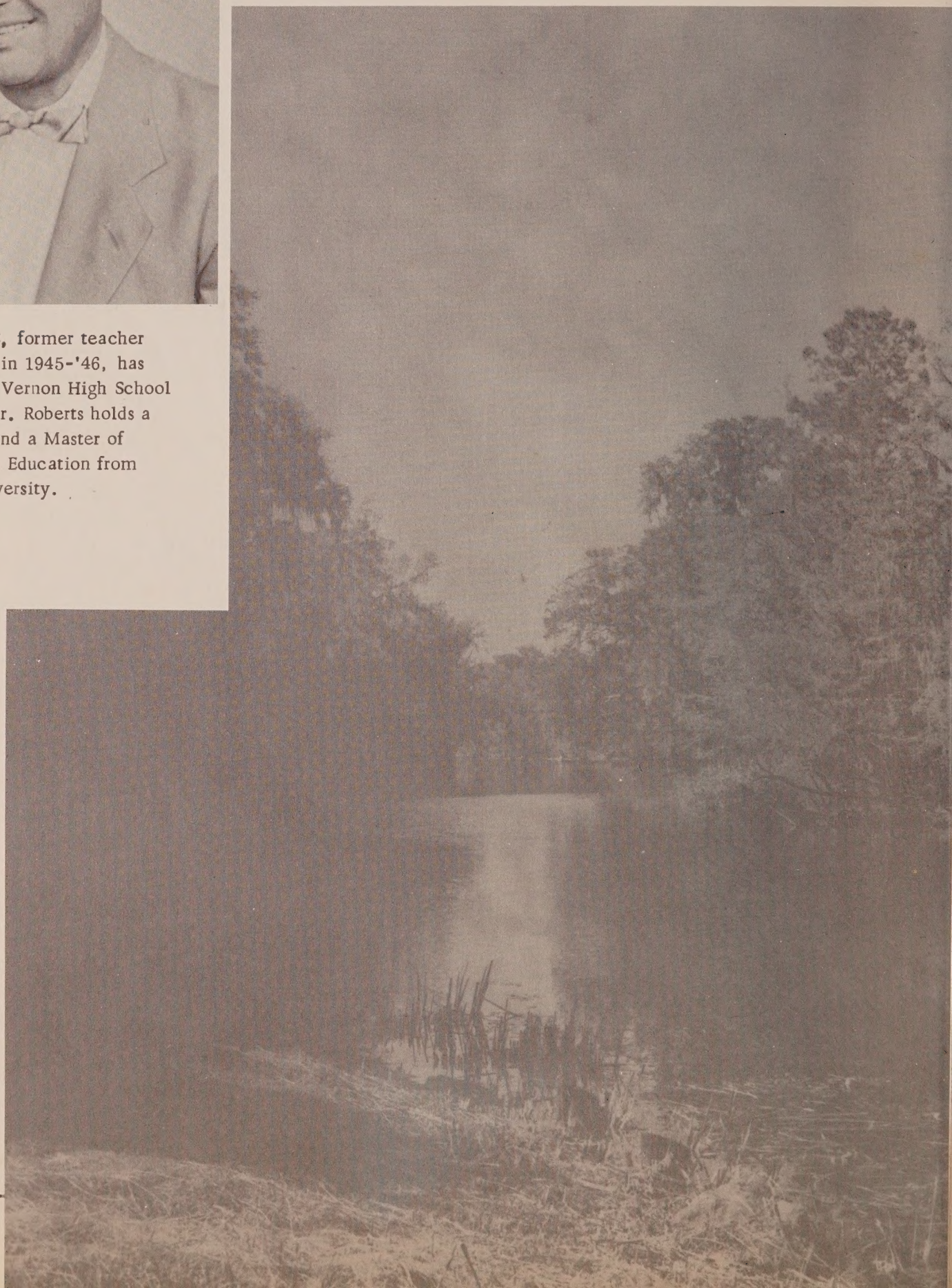


WILSON ROBERTS, former teacher for a brief period in 1945-'46, has been principal of Vernon High School for five years. Mr. Roberts holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Science degree in Education from Florida State University.



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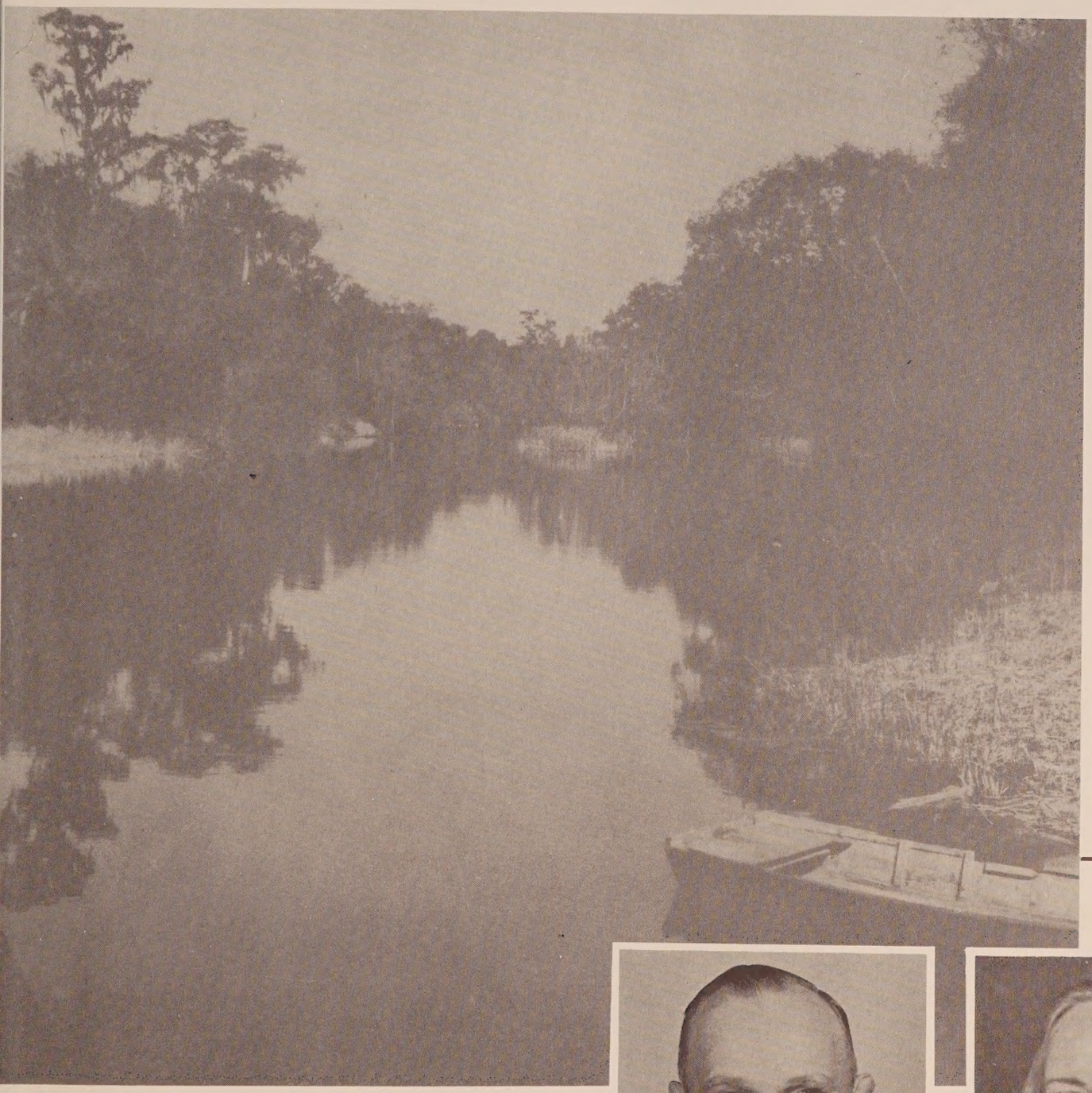
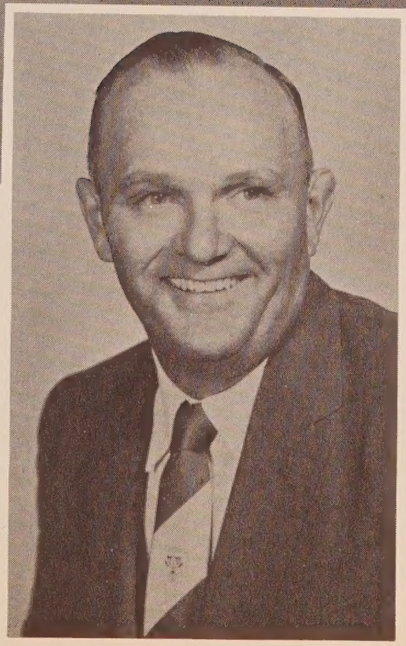
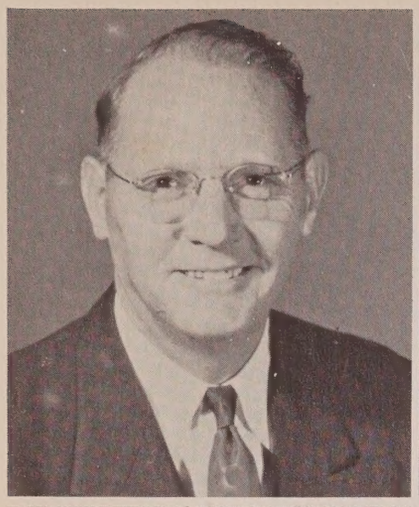
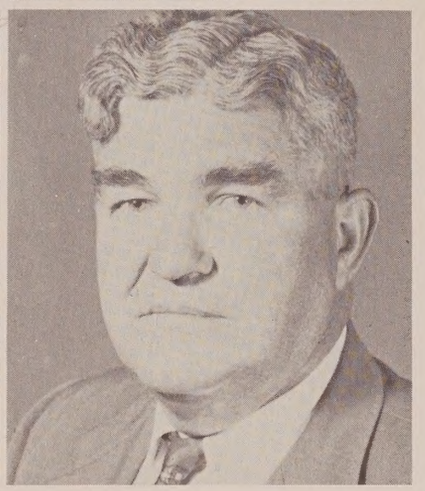




HOWARD H. BRUNER, our assistant principal, has taught in Vernon High School twelve years and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from the University of Florida.

ALEENE SINCLAIR FRANZ, who has taught Art in our school for five years, received her Bachelor of Art Education and Master of Art Education from the Art Institute, Chicago, Illinois.





RALPH E. UPTON, past Vernon High School principal for five years, assistant principal two years, and social studies teacher for eight years, holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and a Master of Science degree in Education Supervision and Administration from Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

ANNIE REVA BEVERETT, librarian for the past eight years, has taught in our school ten years. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from State Teachers' College, Troy, Alabama, and a Master of Science degree in Library Service from Florida State University.

CHARLES EGBERT ATTIX, teaching choral music in our school for the first time, holds a Bachelor of Music degree from the College of Music, Cincinnati, Ohio, and a Master of Arts degree from Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York, New York.

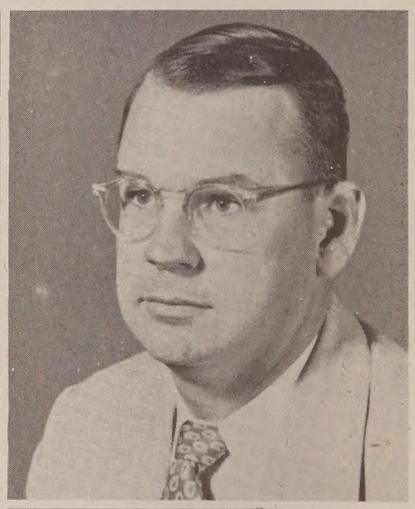
WILLIAM CLINTON HICKMAN has taught mathematics in our school three years, and is at present head football coach. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mississippi College.

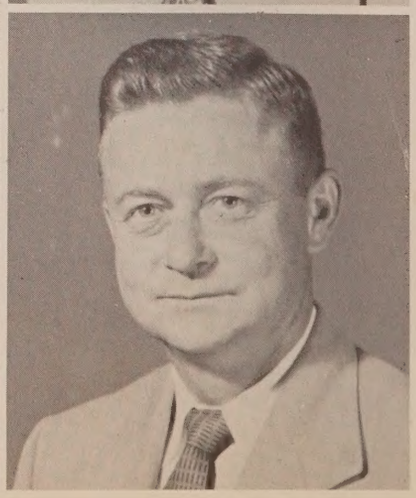
DOYLE TAYLOR, social studies teacher teaching his first year, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from the University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida.

JAMES GORDON KING, director of the Vernon High School Band for two years, holds a Bachelor of Music Education and Master of Music Education degrees from Florida State University.

STEPHEN B. SIMMONS, who has taught science in our school six years, received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from the University of Florida and a Master of Science degree in Education from Florida State University.

AROL HUDSON, who holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from the University of Florida, has taught vocational agriculture in our high school three years.



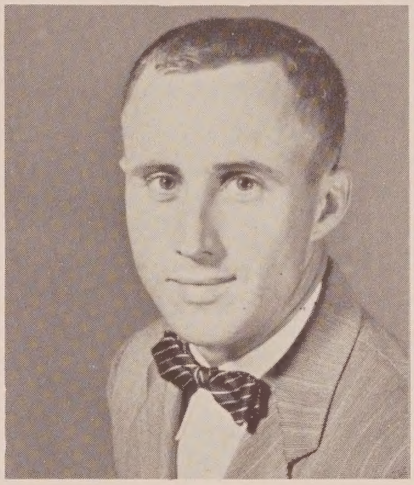


JAMES F. RUSS, JR., mathematics teacher, has taught in our school seven years. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from the University of Florida.

PAULINE RUSS COOK, home economics teacher in our school for twelve years, holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics Education from Florida State College for Women, Tallahassee.

BURL HUNT, who has taught junior high school subjects in our school for three years, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from West Virginia Institute of Technology and a Master of Arts degree from Florida State University.

LILLIAN NOLAN HIGHTOWER, who has taught English in our high school for nineteen years, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Latin from Florida State University.



LOTTIE MAY DYKES, teaching English her ninth year in our school, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from Florida State College for Women, and a Master's Degree Equivalency from the University of Florida.

IRVING M. ROCHE, who received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from the University of Florida, has taught commercial subjects in our school for ten years.

ELLEN CAROLYN FULLER, who attended Florida State University, is teaching physical education her second year in Vernon High School.

SAM MITCHELL, teaching physical education his first year in our school, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education from Livingston State Teachers' College, Livingston, Alabama, and a Master of Arts degree in Education from George Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee.

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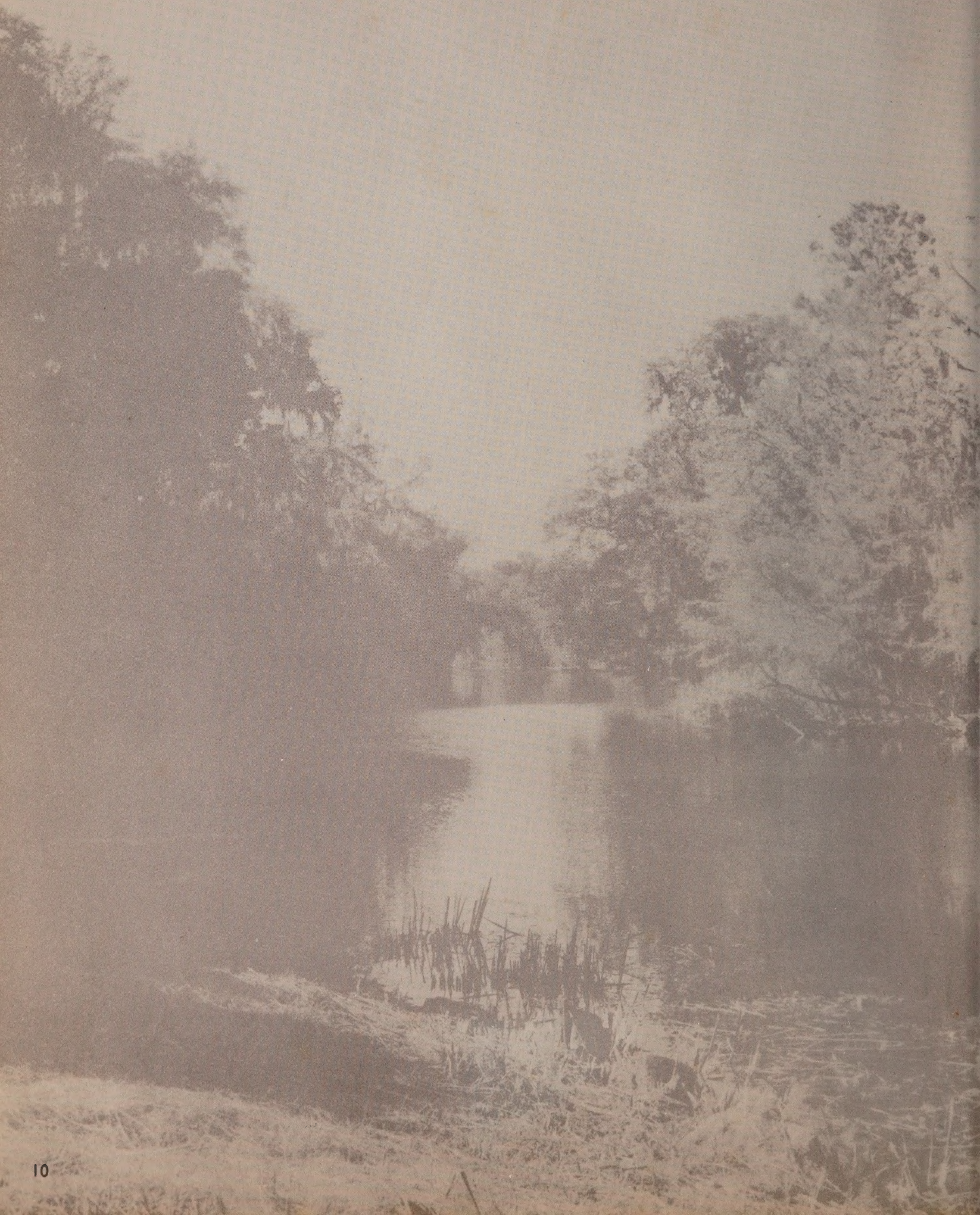


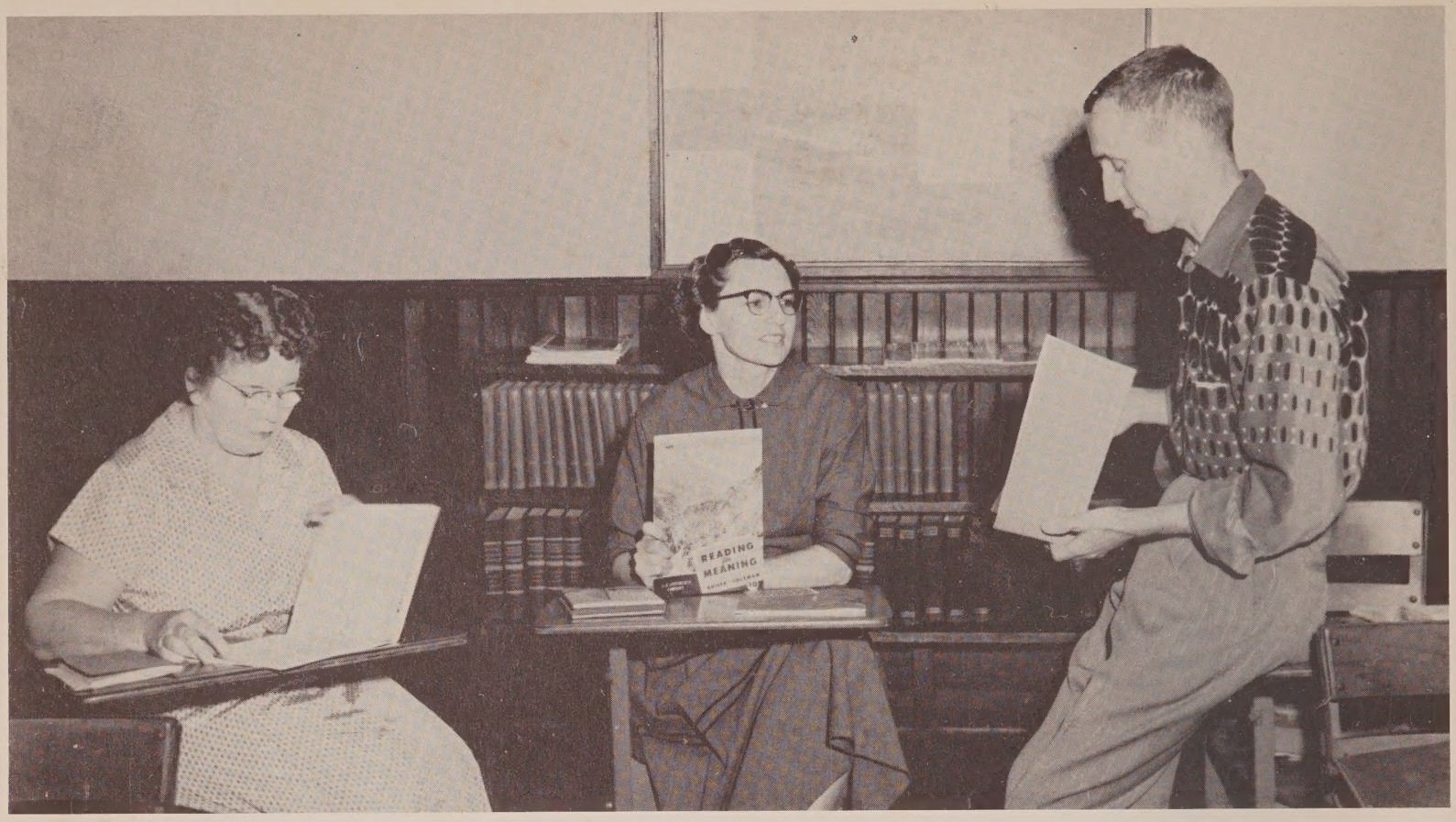
TEACH

In past years you have opened your Jacket Buzz to learn all about the classes, clubs, faculty, and sports. Little has been said about the department work.

In this, the eighth volume, we wish to let you recall these departments in which you the student, and you the faculty, have so faithfully worked, and for which you the parent, have so patiently strived.

As we recognize each department and the work it has done and is now doing, we also wish to recognize the students that the faculty members chose as the most outstanding.

These selections were made by the faculty. The teachers in each department nominated candidates and the outstanding student in that field was elected by the faculty as a whole.



Mrs. Lillian Hightower, Mrs. Lottie Dykes, and Mr. Burl Hunt discuss the new reading program.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

A course in language arts (English) is required at each grade level. This requirement won the plaudits of the Evaluation Committee for Southern Accreditation in 1954. The Committee also complimented the language arts department for its "commendable effort to make the English program valuable to their students."

Miller Kelly Compton, (below) outstanding student in English with a straight "A" average, takes notes on her research theme, "Basic Beliefs of the Three Monotheistic Religions."

In an effort to stress reading skills, in the spring of '55 the Iowa Silent Reading Test was administered to all Vernon High School students. Reading level ranges were shown to extend from the fourth through the twelfth grade. The language arts department was given the responsibility for special training in this area. At the end of the year a similar reading test was given. Though results of the tests have not been obtained, it is believed that improvement in the reading skills has been acquired.

Reading for Meaning by Guiler and Coleman on five reading levels was used with the twelfth grade under the direction of Mrs. Dykes. In this course learning word meanings, outlining, getting the central idea and details, and drawing conclusions were emphasized.

The ninth grade, under the direction of Mrs. Hightower, used the new Charles E. Merrill Modern Reading Skilltext. It is an easy, systematic, step-by-step skill building program, not an accidental reading program. The books provide content high in interest value for children at different levels of maturity.

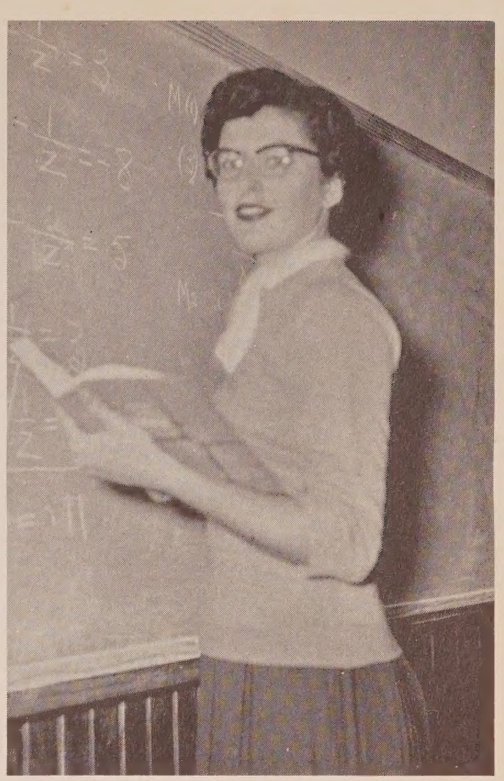
Mr. Hunt's work with the seventh grade, Reader's Digest on fourth, fifth, and sixth grade levels was used.

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

Basic skills, computation, and methods of attacking and solving problems with reasoning are the three things that are being stressed in the junior high math classes. Mr. Russ the teacher says, "Nobody can go through a day without the use of some math." With this thought in mind he is striving to impress the fundamentals of this subject on his students.

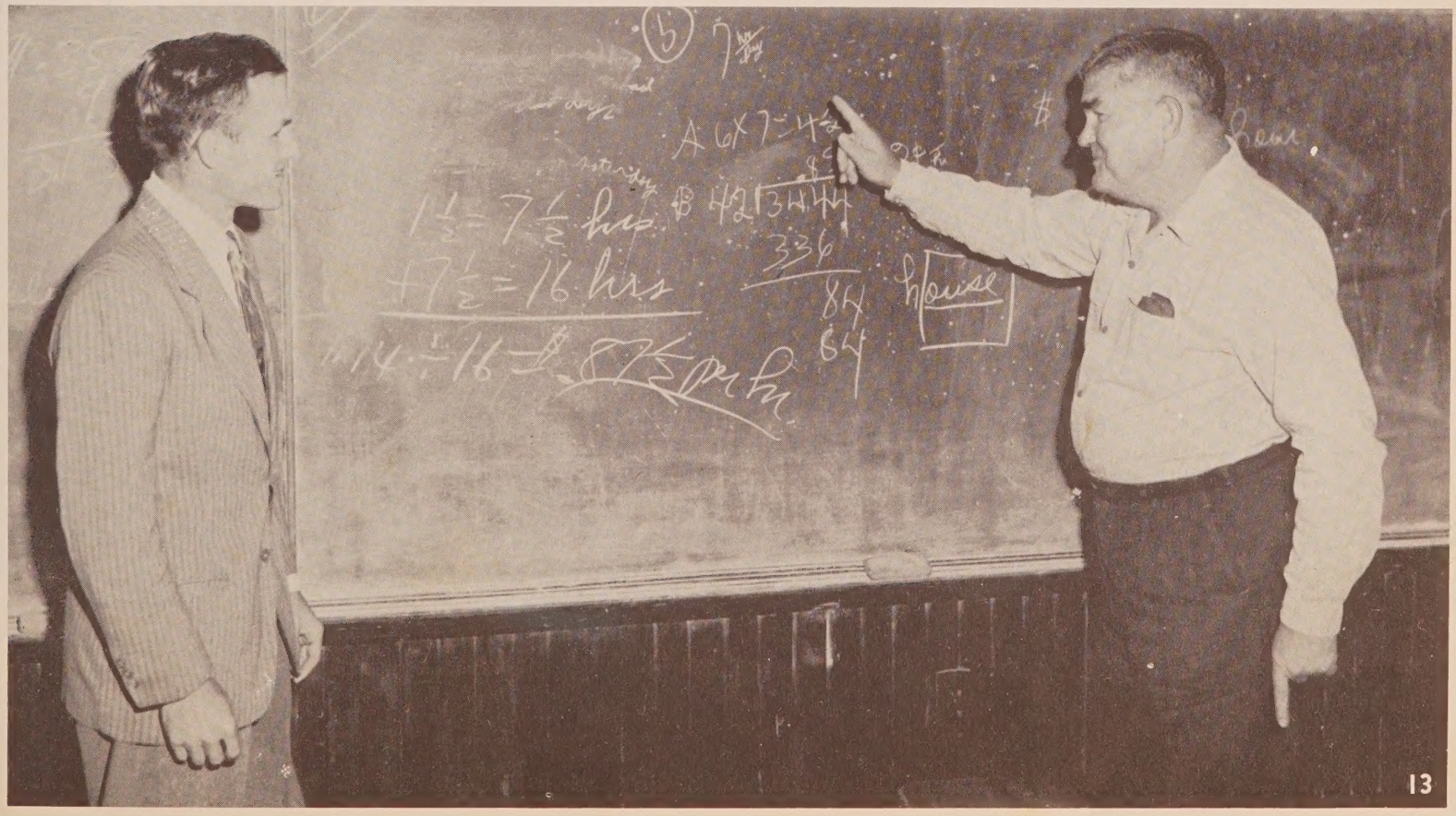
In the advanced field, students are offered plane geometry and two years in algebra. Second year algebra and geometry are offered alternate years. Twelfth grade arithmetic is also offered to seniors.

"First year algebra is the most important math in high school," says Mr. Hickman. "By studying algebra, you actually learn to work the math you've already had. We are offering the more advanced courses in math for those who plan to enter the technical field."



Elizabeth Brock is a straight "A" student in Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry. Her ability to reason is what makes her an outstanding student in this subject. She is considering mathematics as her major field of work in college.

Mr. Russ and Mr. Hickman have a big laugh as they examine the work of a student.



Mr. R.E. Upton and Mr. Doyle Taylor have a look at South America and how it figures into the voyages and expansion of European powers. The former teaches ninth grade civics, eleventh grade American history, and twelfth grade American problems. The latter teaches seventh grade geography, eighth grade American history, and senior high world history.

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Social science courses in geography, history, and government are offered in grades seven through twelve. Emphases in the social studies program include word study, world news, and supplementary reading. When suitable transportation is available, the civics classes climax a study in government by going to Chipley and hearing the county officials explain their duties first hand. Or the American history class may visit Tallahassee, where state officials explain the functioning of state government.

Relative to teaching history, Mr. Taylor recognizes four principal values and their relationship to the individual. The first value is to recognize the need for an understanding of all the broad fields of knowledge: the biological, the physical, and the social. Mutual understanding and appreciation are the bases of cooperation in all phases of life. The second value is competence in communication: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. The third value is to create in the student a desire for evidence and to evaluate this evidence before making judgments and deriving conclusions. Last, to quote Mr. Taylor: "I am striving to promote in students of history a deep and abiding faith in people, and in their ability to cope successfully with any situation."

Loretta Hightower, outstanding student in social studies, has an "A" average in the subject.

Corbin Scott (above), because of his interest and participation in the science field, was chosen as the outstanding student in this department. He has taken three years of general science, biology and physics. He was also a member of the science club and was secretary-treasurer.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Realizing the need that our society has today for young men and women trained in the field of science, the science department is striving to create and foster interest in various fields of science in addition to giving all students as opportunity to gain information useful to a citizen of this scientific age.

We are trying to direct boys and girls who demonstrate interest and ability toward careers in Science. This is done through regular courses, conferences with students, and the science club activities. Two activities added last year which created a great deal of interest were working with plastics and developing and enlarging snapshots.

We are by no means satisfied with results and welcome constructive criticism from the faculty, parents, students and the general public.

Subjects offered in the science field are health, biology, general science, physics, and chemistry. Two credits in science are required for graduation.

Mr. Hunt, seventh grade health teacher, and Mr. Simmons, science, biology and physics teacher, were having an interesting conversation about the aquarium in the seventh grade room.

Mr. Arol Hudson, teacher of agriculture and Mrs. Pauline Cook, home economics teacher.

They are going to clear the other five acres and plant a pasture for livestock production. This year they plan to start a swine enterprise consisting of breeding stock and meat. They raised two Duroc gilts and plan to raise one hundred chickens on the corn harvested. They are going to build an equipment shed and fence the entire ten acres.

In the farm shop they are making things for the new vocational agriculture building. Some of these things are a new brooder house for the production of poultry, furniture for the building, book cases, magazine racks, notebook racks, cabinets, and work benches.

The home economics program had to be rearranged this year so classes could be continued while the new building is under construction. Housing, personality development and child care were stressed in the first year classes. The second and third year girls had a course in clothing. They made clothes for street, afternoon and formal wear. These were modeled in a dress review held January 19, at the regular Parent-Teacher Association meeting.

THE VOCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

For their lab plot the agriculture department bought ten acres of land, cleared half of it, and produced a corn crop on that half. They built a barn for storing the crops and are installing a deep well pump on it.

Jackie Long, outstanding student in home economics, has taken three years of homemaking with good grades. An active member of FHA, she has served as reporter and shared other responsibilities. She has developed an appreciation of skills in homemaking to a remarkable degree.

Aaron Todd, elected outstanding agriculture student, has distinguished himself by his excellent record keeping and neat shop work. His 1954-'55 record book was put on display at the State Agriculture Teachers' Conference in Daytona Beach.

HANNAH RUTH HINSON (left), most outstanding student in vocal work, prepares to sing "Good-bye" by Tosti. She has sung solos at Glee Club Festivals since her freshman year. When a sophomore, her rating was superior. Along with solos in choral numbers, she sang the lead in the '55 Christmas operetta, "Merry Christmas." Hannah Ruth plans to continue her music education after graduation.

MARY CATHRIN MAY (right), has played first clarinet in the band for four years. Her love and talent for music has been an influence on her outstanding work. She has performed in duets for concerts and has attended the district Band Festival for three years. Mary played with the group at the festival in her senior year.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

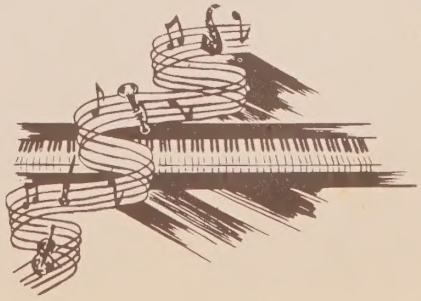
Intelligent listening is necessary for one to appreciate and enjoy music. To enable students to acquire this ability, Mr. Attix leads the glee club into common musical experiences around which new knowledge and new listening skills are developed. He also stresses great composers and their contribution to the main stream of music. Recordings are used to achieve the purposes of choral work.

In a flexible program students are permitted to explore, to play, in short, to participate freely in all musical activities brought into the classroom. The student also acquires a feeling of confidence, cooperation, and respect for others' ideas and feelings.

Since the beginning of '54 school term, the band has grown from fifteen to a present membership of fifty-two. Mr. King, the director, says their greatest problem is securing money for equipment. For three years the Parent-Teacher Association has earmarked funds to buy uniforms. At last all band members are properly attired.

Outstanding activity of the band this year has been its marching and performances at football games. The group also attended a district band festival in Fort Walton and marched in the Bonifay rodeo parade.

At present practice is held in the auditorium, but the agriculture building will be remodeled for band use in the future.



In conference, Mr. Irving Roche, teacher of typing and shorthand, and Mr. Howard H. Bruner, instructor in bookkeeping, discuss the art of teaching typing.

Evelyn Cook (below), business manager of the school paper staff, was chosen outstanding student in commercial work. She is an "A" student in bookkeeping, typing and shorthand.

BUSINESS EDUCATION

Courses in business education offered to juniors and seniors in Vernon High School include bookkeeping, shorthand, and typing.

Bookkeeping is offered alternate years with business arithmetic. In the past an average of twenty-five students have been enrolled each year. This course not only prepares the student for further study into accounting but gives him valuable knowledge that may be used in daily living.

Typing is a two-year standardized commercial course in which personal use and employable skills are developed. Shorthand is offered only if a sufficient number of students request it, in which case it is a one-year course available to both eleventh and twelfth grade students.

In addition to regular courses, the commercial department types and mimeographs the school paper. Students in training also serve as yearbook typists, as well as work by periods in the principal's office.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical education in Vernon High School consists of regular classes in which a majority of the students are enrolled. It is considered of as great importance as any course in school.

During basketball season all classes of boys learn the fundamentals of basketball, with the idea of becoming a more intelligent spectator or developing enough interest to want to play on an organized team. They also participate in many indoor sports, such as ping pong, shuffleboard, horseshoe, and badminton, and in softball and baseball.

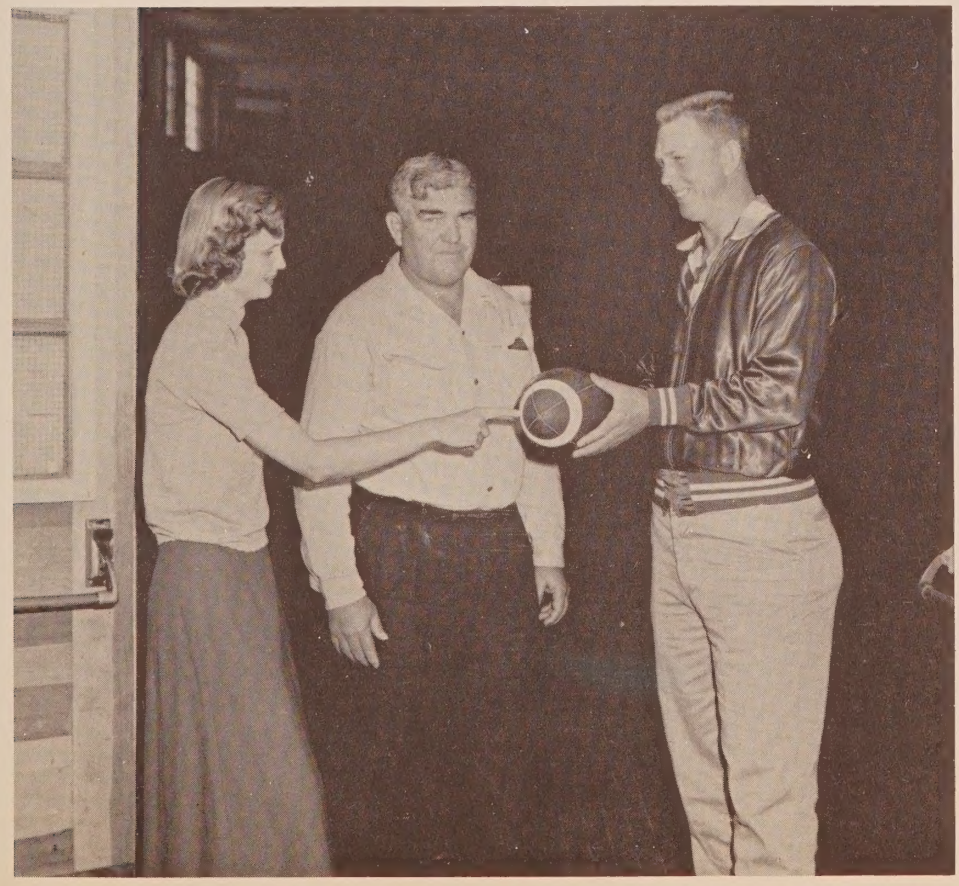
The girls learn the fundamentals of all games in which they take part, such as softball, pinball, volleyball, and soccer. Their indoor games consist of shuffleboard, ping pong, and gymnastic exercises.

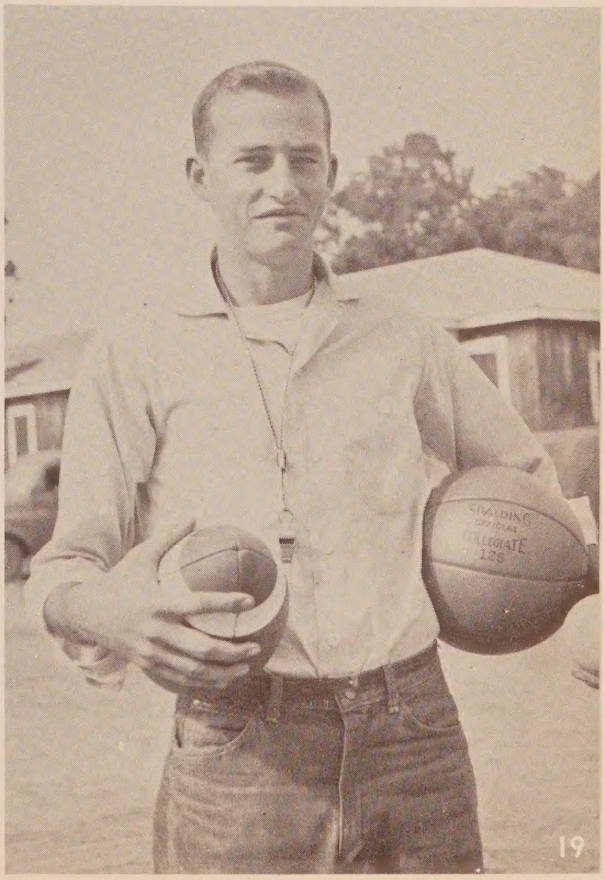
All physical education is so designated that natural incidental learning will include sportsmanship, honesty and loyalty.

Etta Ruth Swindle was chosen as outstanding girl in physical education. She is recognized as having developed within herself all those character traits, such as cooperation and sportsmanship, that the physical education program aims at producing.

Bobby Padgett, outstanding boy in physical education, played football and basketball most creditably. He has also distinguished himself in sportsmanship, team work, and loyalty.

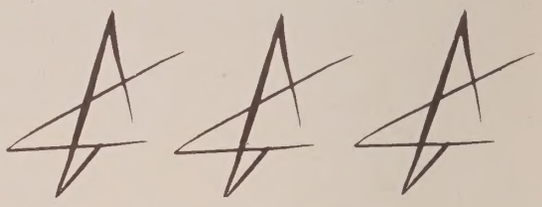
Miss Carolyn Fuller, teacher of girls' physical education; Mr. W.C. Hickman, football and basketball coach; Mr. Sam Mitchell, assistant coach and teacher of boys' physical education.





Hattie Ruth Hightower (above), was selected as the outstanding student in Art work. In her freshman year she made a clay model of a frog that was carried for display in Chicago. She has painted a wide collection of figurines at home and has made interesting papier-mache puppets. Hattie Ruth does commendable free hand work on posters and murals.

The art class is also used as a general laboratory for pupils from other classes who wish to come in and work on some special project. In this way art is integrated with the school program. An illustration of this was the Future Homemakers of America booth decorations for exhibition at the Escambia County Fair in Pensacola, which won second prize. Through the class students have made stage sets for school plays and posters advertising school events. Other projects were making signs and booth decorations for the Halloween Carnival and drawings and bulletin board displays for National Book Week, for Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. They also make murals, maps, notebook covers, drawings and models for the science classes, also posters for student campaigns and sales, and for Student Council activities. They constructed a stained glass window and decorations for the Glee Club Christmas operetta.



Mrs. Aleene Franz, teacher of art.

THE ART PROGRAM

This year art is being offered as a special subject and credit is given for the course. This general art program is broad in its scope, offering a basic program upon which to build future experiences. It includes lettering, advertising design, and layout. It also includes crafts, such as modeling, carving, weaving, constructing, and paper sculpture.

The camera catches Mrs. Beverett as she places a new book on the Biography shelf.

THE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Each school year, Mrs. Beverett asks teachers and students to make suggestions for new library books to be purchased.

This year the new books of popular fiction arrived in time to be put upon the shelves ready for checking out the first day of Book Week, November 14-20. Books of classical fiction came in a second shipment sometime later.

The library has made a good start on a vocations vertical file. The information vertical file has been increased.

At the noon hour the library is filled with students who just want to be there. Some reference work and circulation go on but mostly the students just gather around the tables for a social hour and to browse through the magazines and newspapers.

The library is open for circulation and browsing before school and at recess, as well as at noon.

Ouida Jones (below), was chosen outstanding student in library work. She has worked as a student librarian for three years. The work she does includes checking books and materials, and reading the shelves.

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HENRI ELIZABETH BROCK
Class Valedictorian

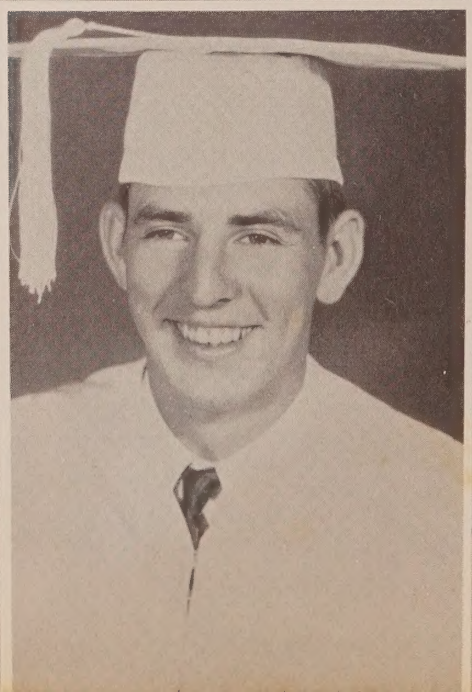
An FHA member, Glee Club accompanist, band member, and Beta Club member for four years, "Libba" has been associate editor and salesman on the annual staff and secretary and treasurer of the Student Council. She has participated in Art Club, Reporters and Camera Club, basketball, and FTA.

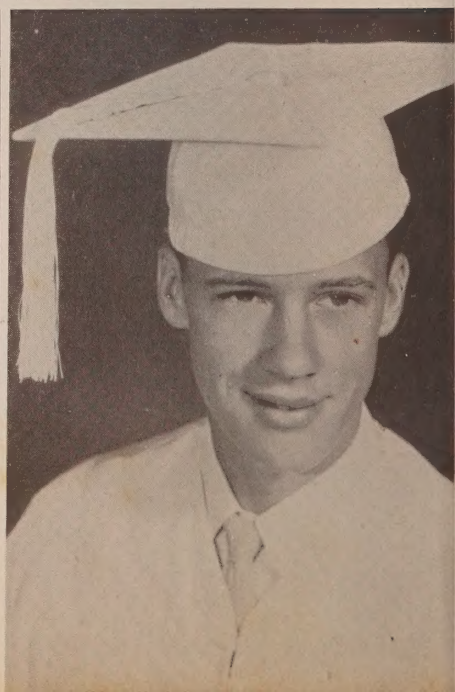
DOYLE BUSH
Senior Class President

Doyle has been an FFA member four years and was active in the 4-H Club two years. A "V" Club member, he has participated in football and basketball, and was a member of the junior play cast.

JOE HOWARD BALDWIN
Class Vice President

A "V" Club member, Joe has played football, basketball, and baseball. He was a member of the Glee Club and Beta Club for three years and is vice president of the FFA and the senior class.





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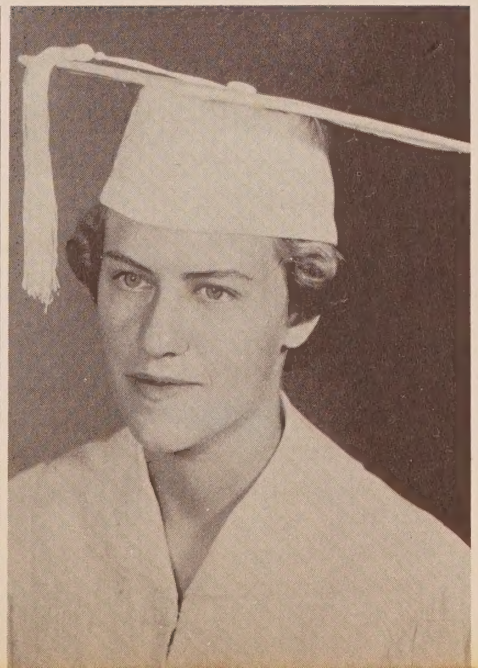
MILLER KELLY COMPTON
Class Salutatorian

Member of the band since it was first organized, Miller has sang solos at Glee Club festivals. Her sophomore year she was president of her class. She was Beta Club secretary for two years, and vice president of Art and Dramatics Clubs. She was also cheerleader, a "V" Club member for two years, feature editor of the Jacket Sting, and FHA member three years.

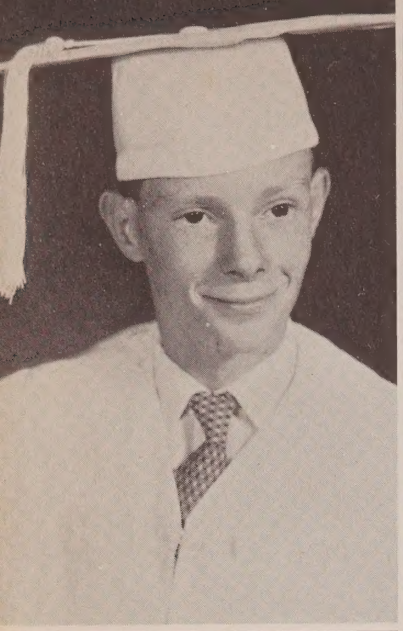


GRACE ELLA TILLER
Class Secretary-Treasurer

Editor of the school paper and senior class secretary, Grace has played snare drum in the band for four years. She has been a member of the FHA, basketball team, Student Council, junior play cast, Dramatics Club, "V" Club, Beta Club, FTA, and Art Club.

MARY CATHRIN MAY
Classroom Reporter

For three years, a member of the glee club, FHA, Reporters and Camera Club, Beta Club, and paper staff, Mary has been cheerleader captain and was in the junior play cast. She also participated in the band four years, annual staff, Dramatics Club, "V" Club, and Art Club.

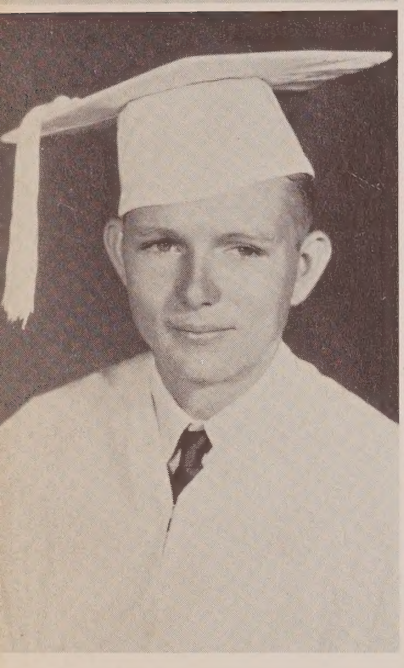


DAVID LEE BOWERSOX

Having been president of his freshman class and in many school organizations in Pensacola, David joined our class in his junior year. He was a member of the Art Club and FFA his junior and senior years.

FANNIE CORENE BREWER

A library worker and reporter of the library club in her senior year, Corene was a member of the Science Club and a 4-H Club member in her freshman year. She was secretary of her church school and has been a member of the Devotional Club all through high school.



LAVON BURKE

An FFA member for three years, Lavon has been very active in 4-H work. He has been 4-H reporter, secretary, and treasurer. He played in the band his last two years, and will always be remembered as an outstanding tenor of the Glee Club.

EVELYN COOK

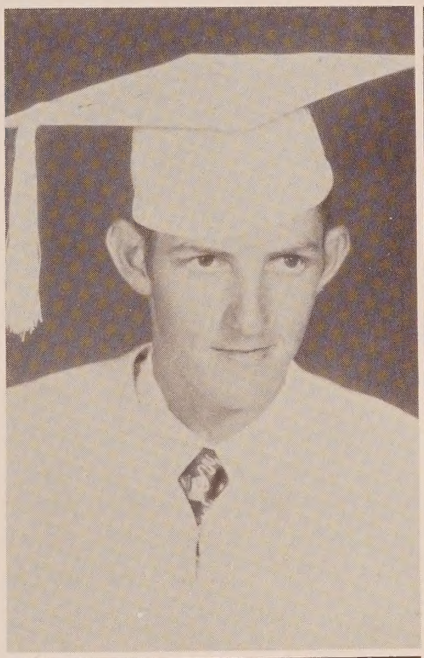
Carnival Queen during her senior year, Evelyn has been an FHA member four years and has participated in Art Club, Reporters and Camera Club, basketball, and Glee Club. Chosen outstanding student in commercial work, she is business manager of the "Jackets' Sting."

Most Dependable
EVELYN COOK and KENNETH COOK

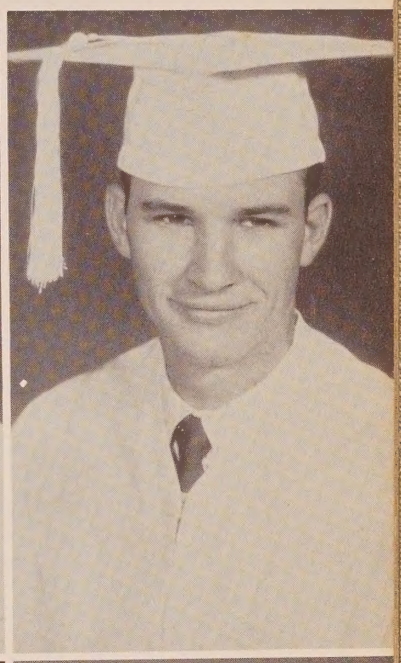
Most Intellectual
DONALD HAMMOCK and HANNAH RUTH HINSON

Most Likely to Succeed
JACKIE LONG and G. W. KELLY

Most Popular
ROXIE ANN JOHNS and WADE HALL

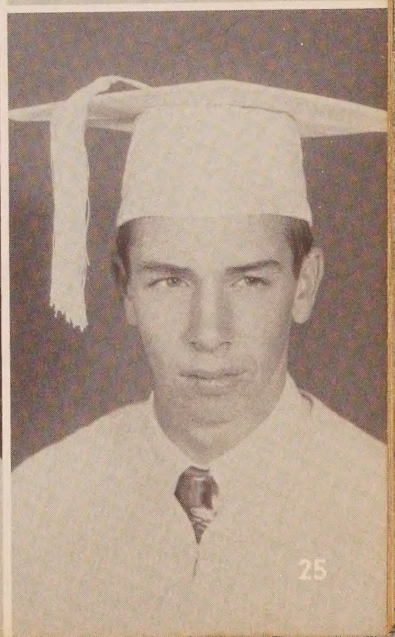


JOSEPH KENNETH COOK
Kenneth is reporter for the Vernon FFA Chapter of which he has been a member four years, and was chapter treasurer his junior year. He also was a member of the Glee Club.

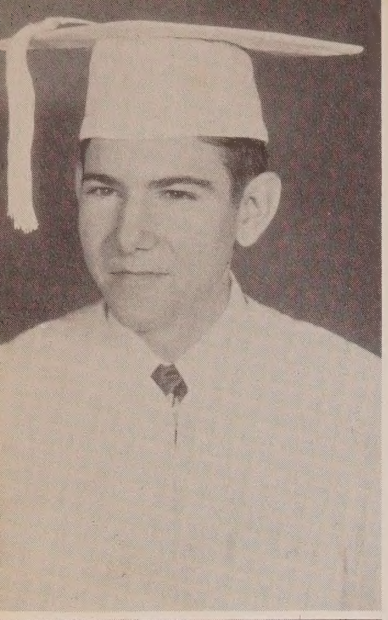


FLOYD COOK
Floyd has been a member of the local FFA Chapter four years and the 4-H Club three years. He participated in the Science Club and basketball and sang in the glee club two years.

MARIE CHRISTINE COOK
A 4-H Club member for four years who attended a Short Course as a sophomore, Marie has been class reporter and Devotional Club recreation leader. She has participated in FHA, Glee Club, and Art Club.



MARCUS AARON DIXON
An active member of the local chapter of the Future Farmers of America for four years, Marcus has been a member of the 4-H Club for two years.



GEORGE PRESTON EVANS
Preston has been a member of the Future Farmers of America for four years. He was active in the Art Club his freshman year and has participated in the Science Club and Library Club.

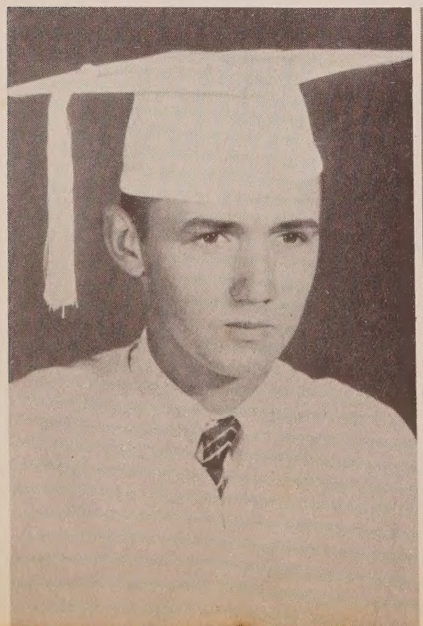
IRENE FINCH
Voted by her classmates the "most courteous" senior girl, Irene has participated outstandingly in the Devotional Club of which she has been a member four years.

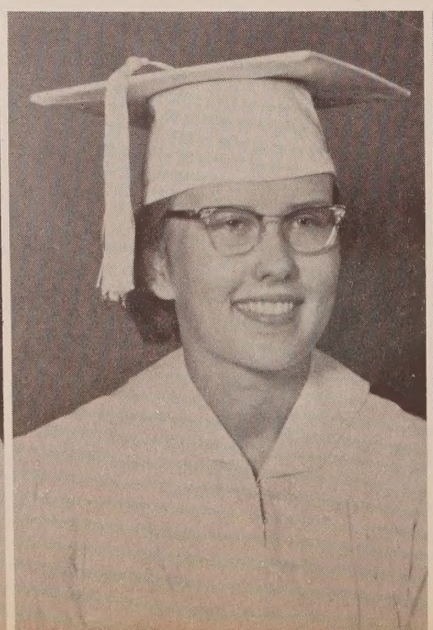
IRENE FINCH and CHARLES MASON
Most Courteous

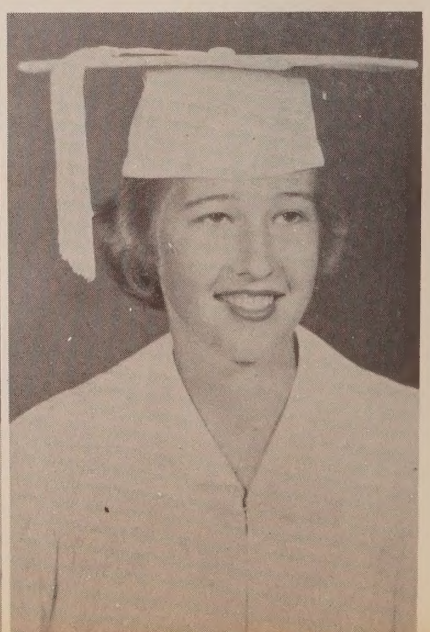
DONALD HAMMOCK
Donald has been a member of the FFA throughout high school and was a 4-H Club member two years. He was a member of the Library Club and is a typist on the annual staff.

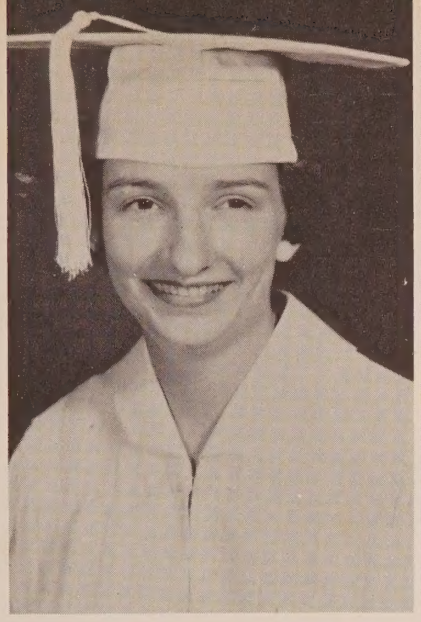
THERA HINSON HARRIS
District Spelling Champion in junior high school, Thera has been a Glee Club and Beta Club member three years. She has been a member of the band, FTA, FHA, Student Council, and All-State Chorus.

BESSIE MAE HAYES
Bessie transferred to VHS from Tarpon Springs this year as a senior. She has been a Glee Club member and participated in the Devotional Club since she came to our high school.









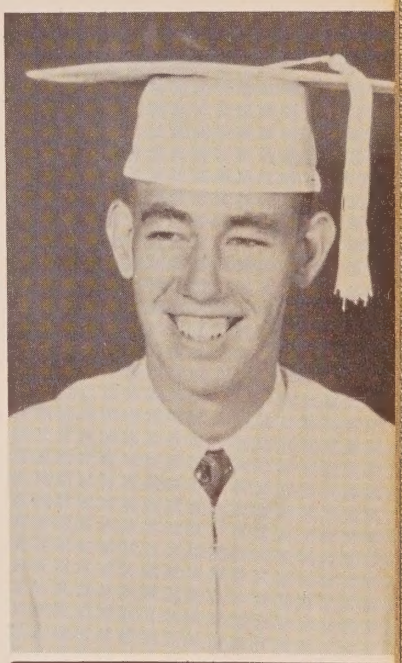
HATTIE RUTH HIGHTOWER
Outstanding in Band, FHA, Art Club, and Beta Club, Hattie Ruth has been a member of the paper staff, Dramatics Club, basketball team, junior play cast, Student Council, "V" Club, softball team, and Reporters and Camera Club.

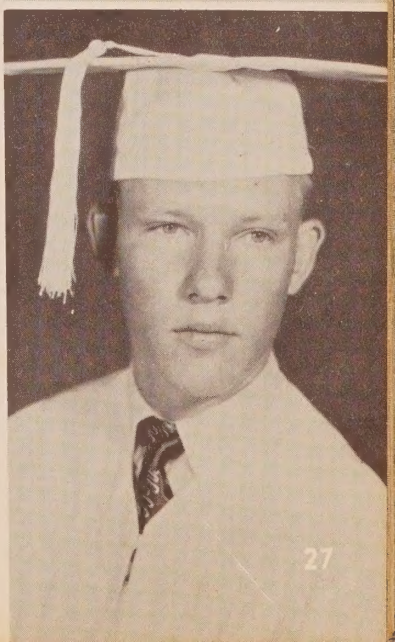
HANNAH RUTH HINSON
Winner of Daughters of the American Revolution Citizenship Award, member of the glee club four years, All-State Chorus member her sophomore year, and a winner of honors at district festivals, Ruth has participated outstandingly in Paper Staff, FTA, FHA, Beta Club, Junior Play, Yearbook Staff, and Student Council. She worked with the legislature when she was a junior.

ROXIE ANN JOHNS
A cheerleader this year, Roxie has been a member of the FTA, FHA, Art Club, Glee Club, "V" Club, and was secretary and treasurer of the Camera Club. She was elected Student Council representative and carnival queen her senior year.

DONALD RAY JOHNSON
Donald, elected as a senior favorite, has been a member of the Vernon FFA Chapter for three years. He participated in the Science Club his junior year.

GORDON WILLIAM KELLY
Student Council president, G. W. has held various offices in his class and clubs. He participated in the junior class play, the Science Club, Art Club, Library Club, and has been an FFA member four years.

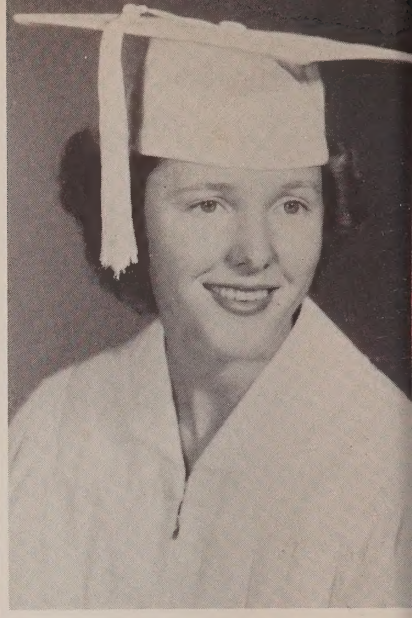




GRACE TILLER and BOBBY PADGETT
Most Athletic

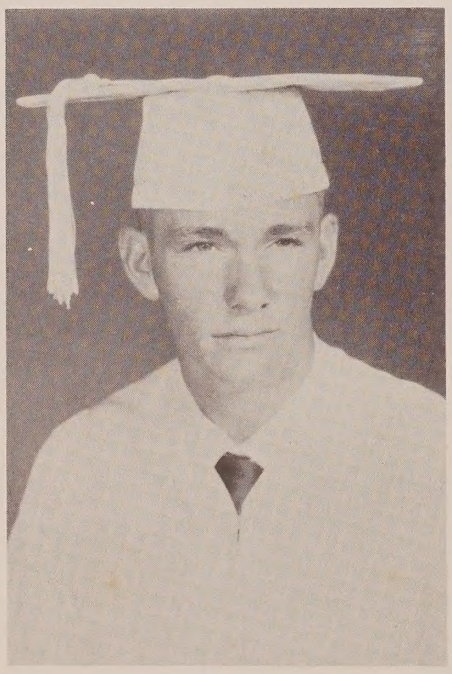
MARIE COOK and DOYLE BUSH
Friendliest

VELMA LAVERN LAND
Lavern has been a member of the local FHA Chapter for three years and sang in the glee club. She also was a member of the FTA, Camera Club, and Art Club.

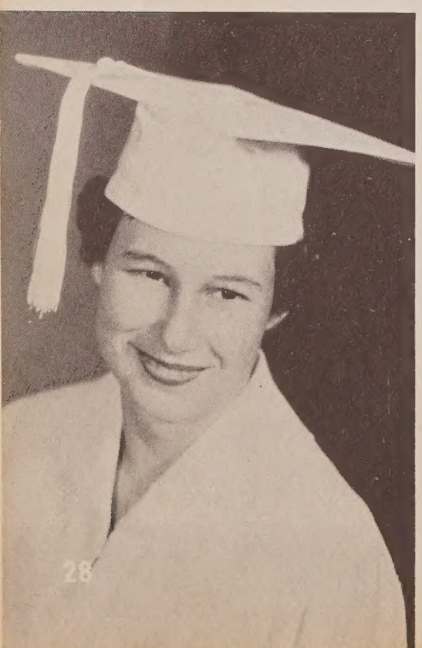


JACQUELIN ELIZABETH LONG
Chosen outstanding student in home economics, Jackie was elected Homecoming queen when she was a junior. She has been a member of the Beta Club and FHA four years, serving as FHA reporter two years. Also, she has participated in FTA, Dramatics Club, and Reporters and Camera Club.

CHARLES EDWARD MASON
Charles has been an FFA member for four years and was a member of the 4-H Club, Art Club, and Science Club. He is a "V" Club member and played basketball, football, and baseball.



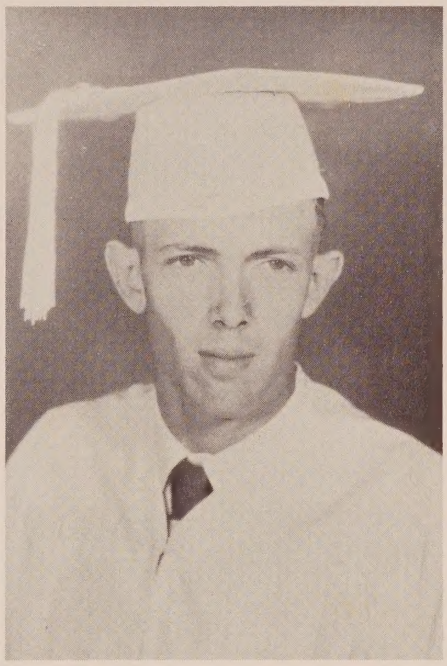
DONNIE BELL PORTER and FLOYD COOK
Best Personality



ANNIE MAE McCULLOUGH
Ann has been an outstanding member of the the Devotional Club throughout her four years in high school. This year she has been a member of the Library Club and worked as an assistant librarian.

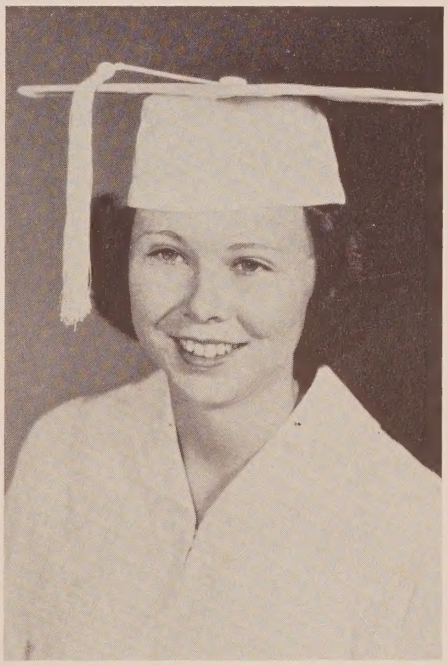
MARY CATHRIN MAY and JOE BALDWIN
Most Talented
("St Louis Blues")

JUNE DORIS MUSSON
While at Vernon High School, June has been class secretary, Halloween Queen, a cheerleader, and business manager on the paper staff. She has been a member of the FTA, FHA, "V" Club, and Camera Club, and works in the office.

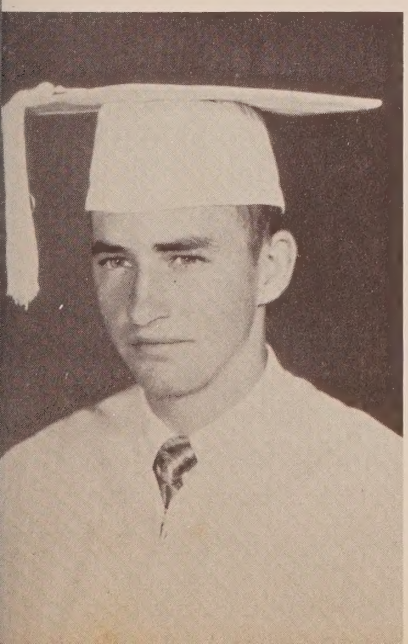


GEORGE WALTON NELSON
George has been an FFA member three years and was chapter secretary, a member of the FFA String Band and judging team. He has been a 4-H Club member, sang in the Glee Club three years, and played football.

BETTY JEAN OLIVER
An active Art Club member for two years, Betty Jean has participated in the Devotional Club and sang in the V.H.S. Glee Club during her senior year.



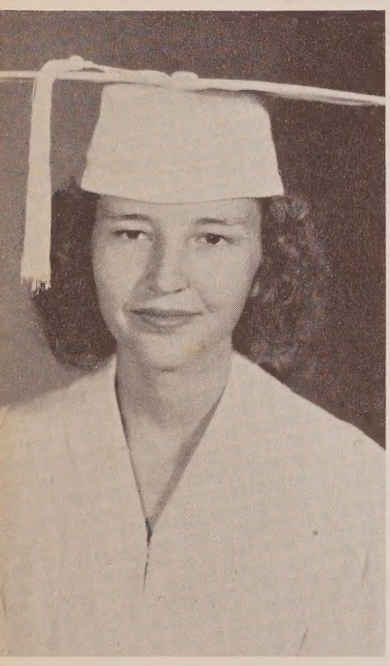
Most Beautiful - BROOKS WHITE
Most Handsome - JIMMY SAVAGE

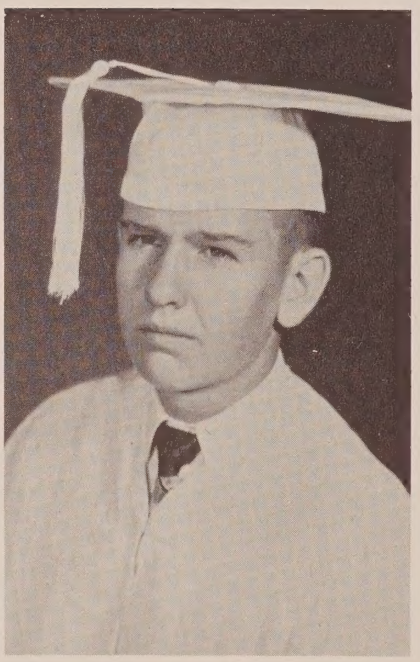


BOBBY RAY PADGETT
Chosen for the 1955 All-District basketball team, Bobby has excelled in football, basketball, baseball, and softball. He is president of the "V" Club of which he has been a member three years, and has been an FFA member four years.

HATTIE RUTH HIGHTOWER and HENRY SHIPES
Wittiest

MARCUS DIXON and JUNE MUSSON
Cutest



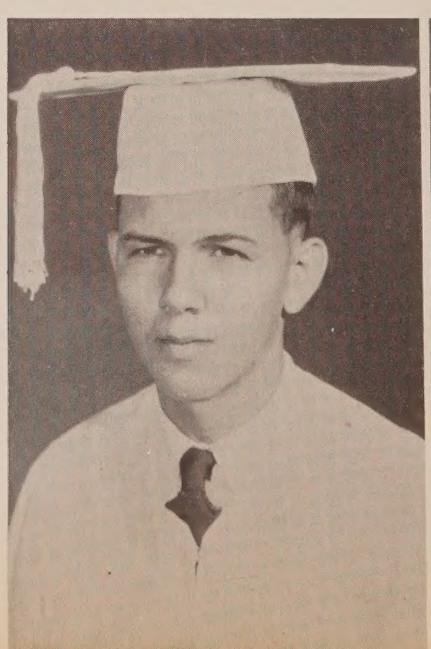


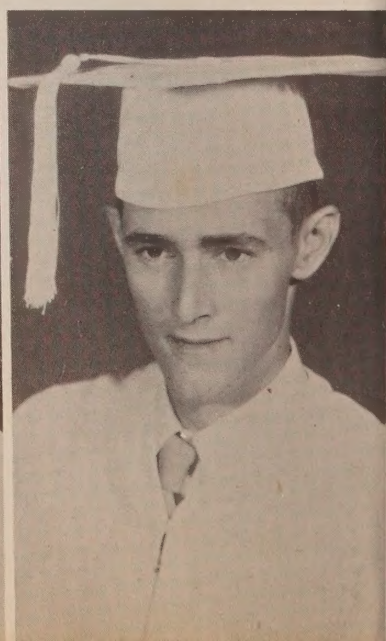
DONNIE BELL PORTER
A member of the Vernon Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America during her senior year, Donnie has participated in class activities and the Devotional Club.

JAMES ALLEN SAVAGE
An FFA member for four years, Jimmy has played football and baseball and is a "V" Club member. He has been a member of the Glee Club, Science Club, Library Club, 4-H Club, and Student Council.

DAVID HENRY SHIPES
Unanimously selected by his class as the "Wittiest Boy, " Henry has worked as an assistant librarian, been a Library Club member, and an FFA member for three years.

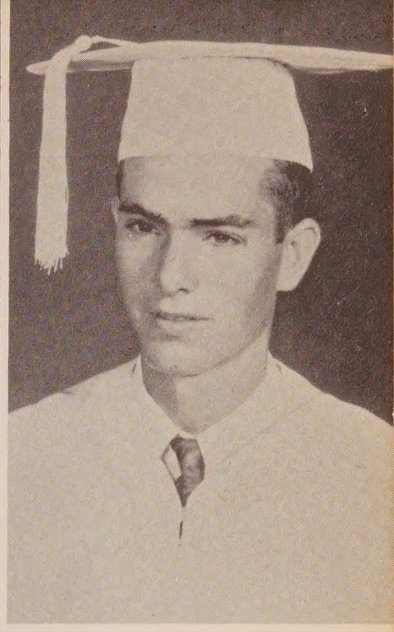
THOMAS WILLIAM SWINDLE
A member of the local chapter of the Future Farmers of America for three years, Tommy played on the basketball team his freshman and sophomore years.





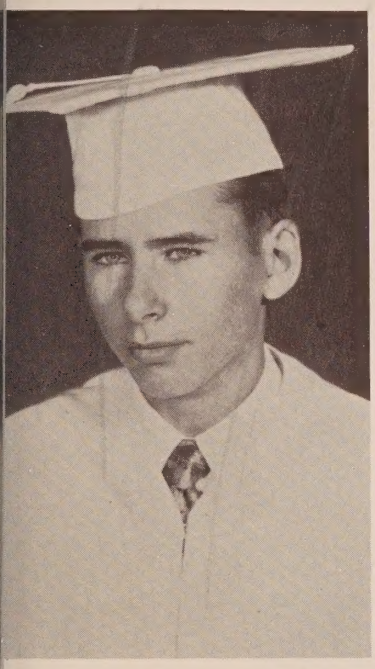
JOYCE TYRE HICKS

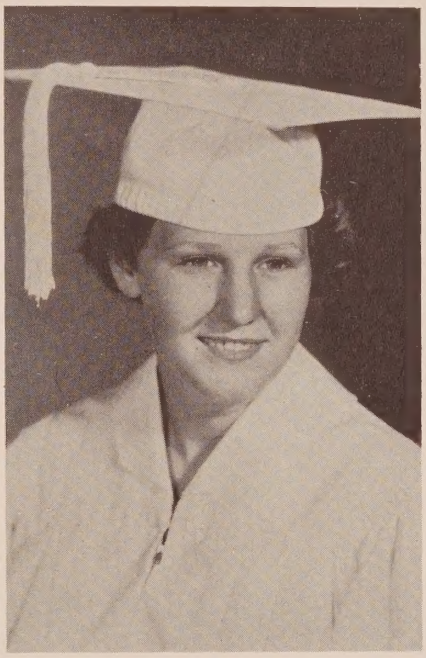
Our annual staff typist, Joyce transferred to V.H.S. from Bay High her junior year. At V.H.S. she has been a member of the glee club and Reporters and Camera Club, was a candidate for Homecoming queen, and worked in the office.



JOHN ALEX WELLS, JR.

John Alex played football and basketball and has been a member of the "V" Club two years. He has been a member of the FFA and the 4-H Club.





WILLIAM KARL WELLS

Bill has been an active member of the FFA for three years. He was a Science Club member, played softball his junior year, and participated in baseball his senior year.

LOIS BROOKS WHITE

Selected a class favorite, Brooks has been a member of the local FHA Chapter for four years. She belonged to the Future Teachers Club two years and sang in the glee club.

Best All-Round

MILLER COMPTON and DONALD JOHNSON

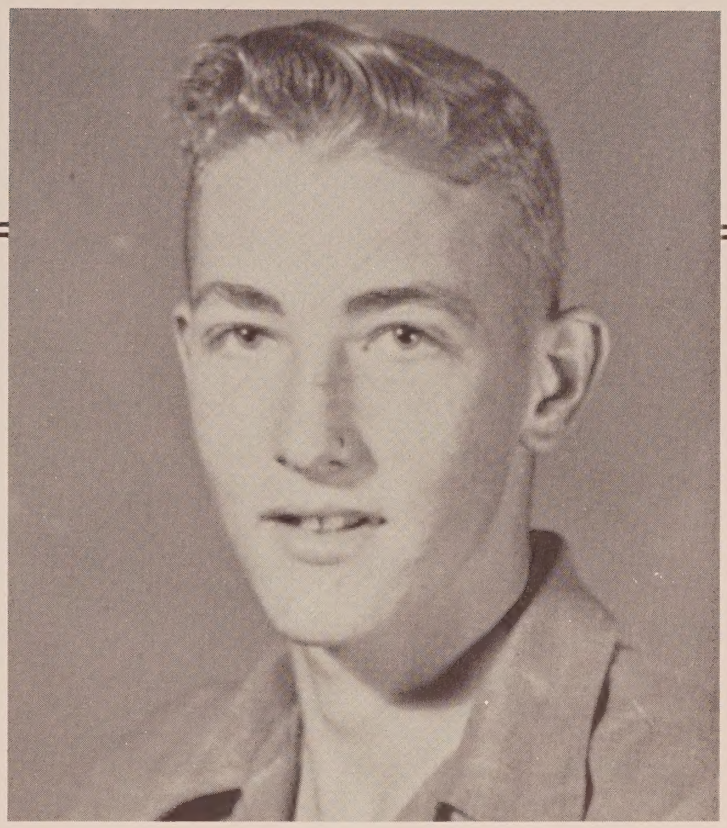
Best of the Bestest

ANN McCULLOUGH, CORENE BREWER, JOYCE HICKS, ELIZABETH BROCK, BESSIE HAYES, MARIE COOK, BETTY JEAN OLIVER, LAVERN LAND.

CHARLES LEWIS
Class President

Busy, busy juniors! Hardly had they settled down to school work in the fall till it was time to begin soliciting those magazine subscriptions. That banquet for the senior class was something special and must be properly financed. Then the class play, "Amazing Gracie," presented on April 11-12, brought in more proceeds.

MARY LOU GALLOWAY
Secretary-Treasurer

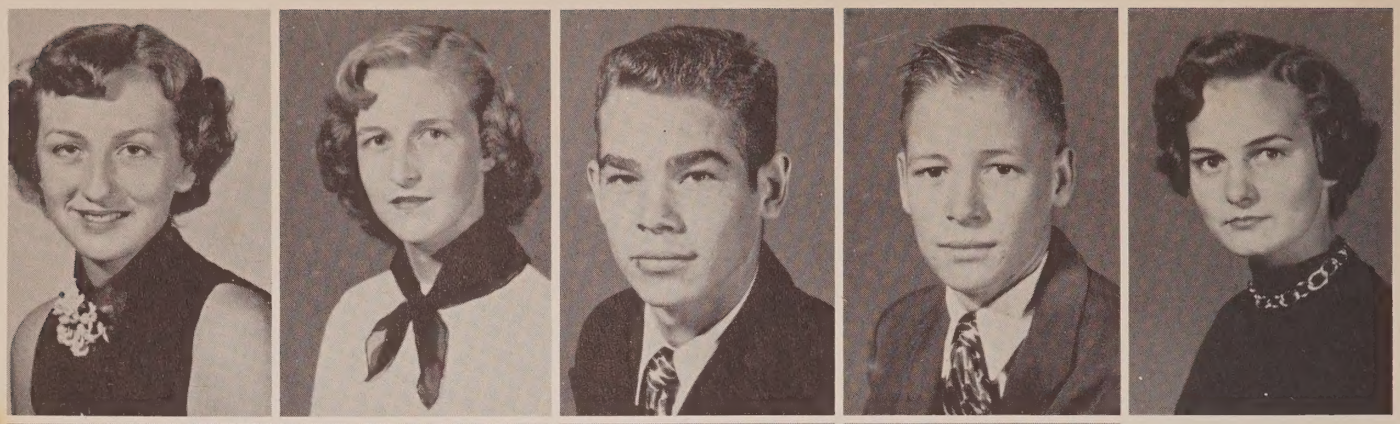


HERTIS DAVIS
Vice President

LORETTA HIGHTOWER
Classroom Reporter

After all, the juniors plan to graduate in '57. So eagerly, happily, do they arrange the stage for senior class graduation, May 28.

Even at the end of the junior year, with the class ring lovingly gripping a special finger, graduation for them cannot be far away.



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M. E. ADKISON
HELEN ANDERSON
BRYWARD BROCK
JIMMY BRYANT
OVEAL BURCH
Second row
MELANIE DIXON
BUCK DYKES
BARBARA FINCH
RUBYE FLEMING

Third row
HELTON HADDOCK
HAZEL HANEY

Fourth row
EUGENE HUDSON
OUIDA JONES
LAVIVIAN LONG
GARY MARTIN
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CORBIN SCOTT
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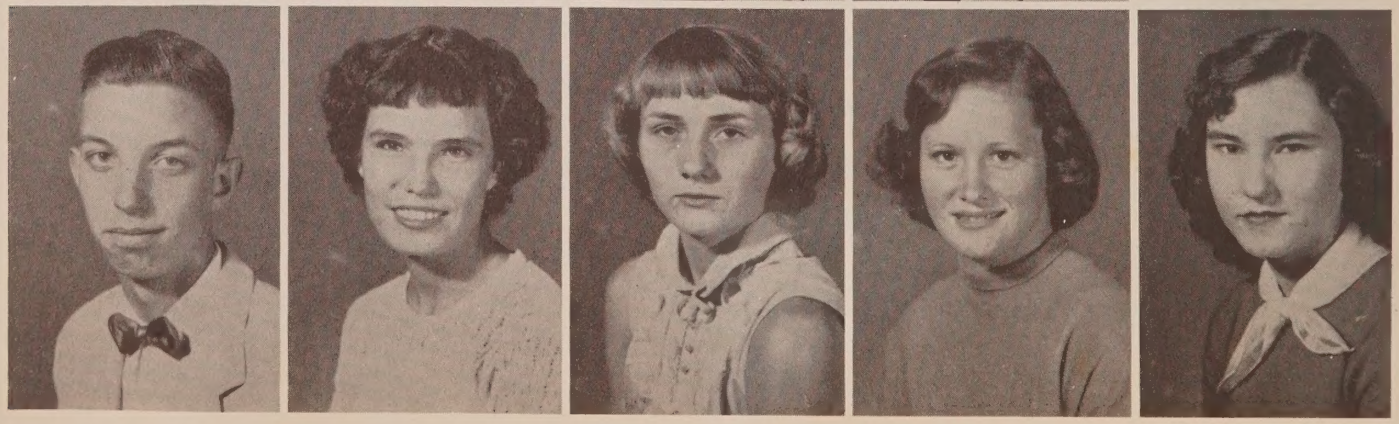

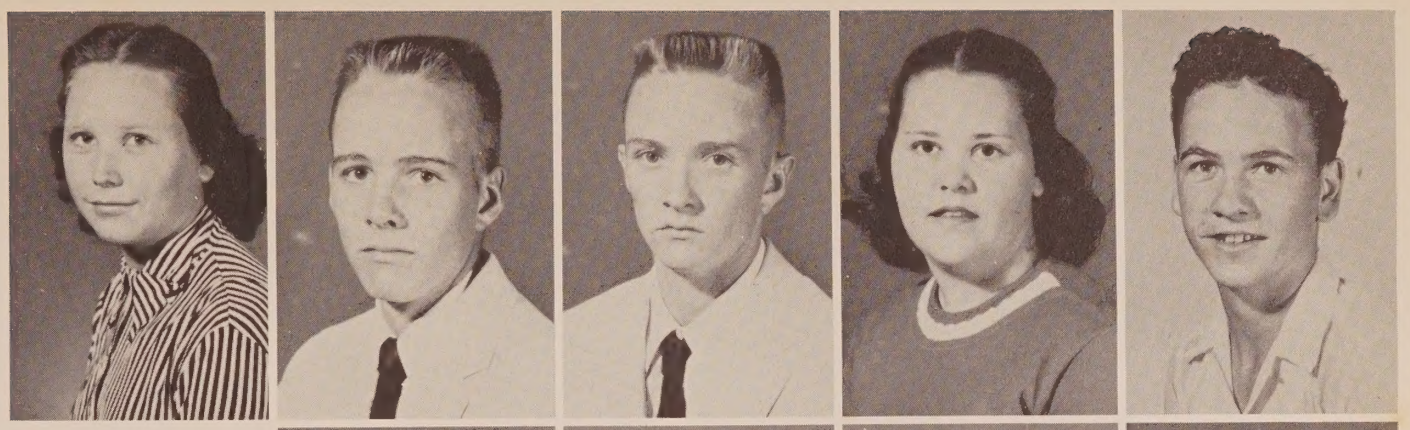

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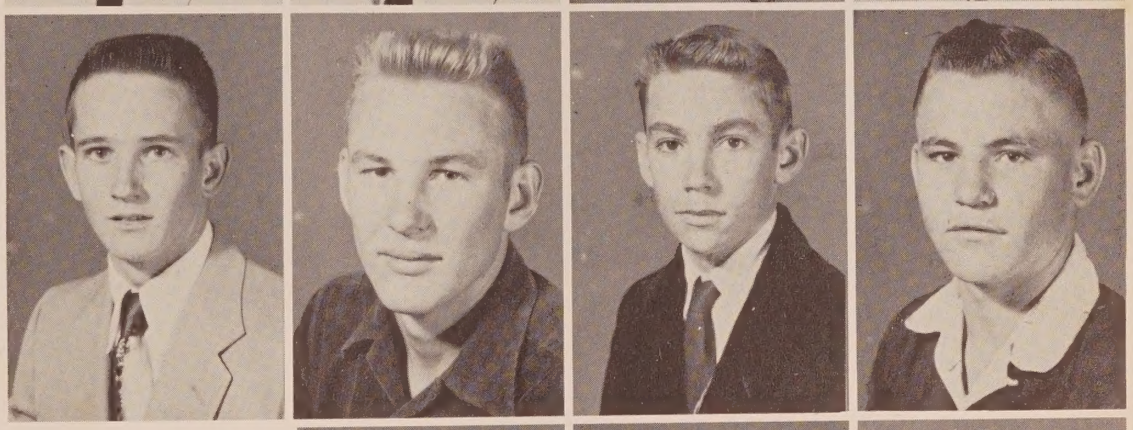

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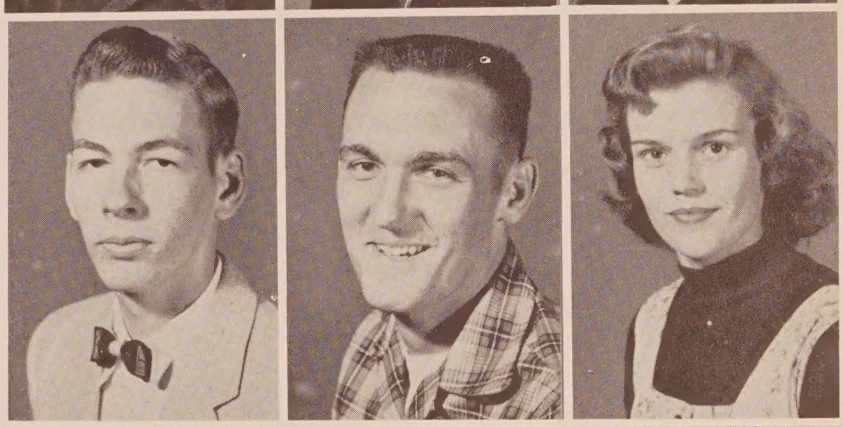

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CARLTON MILLER
CECIL MINER
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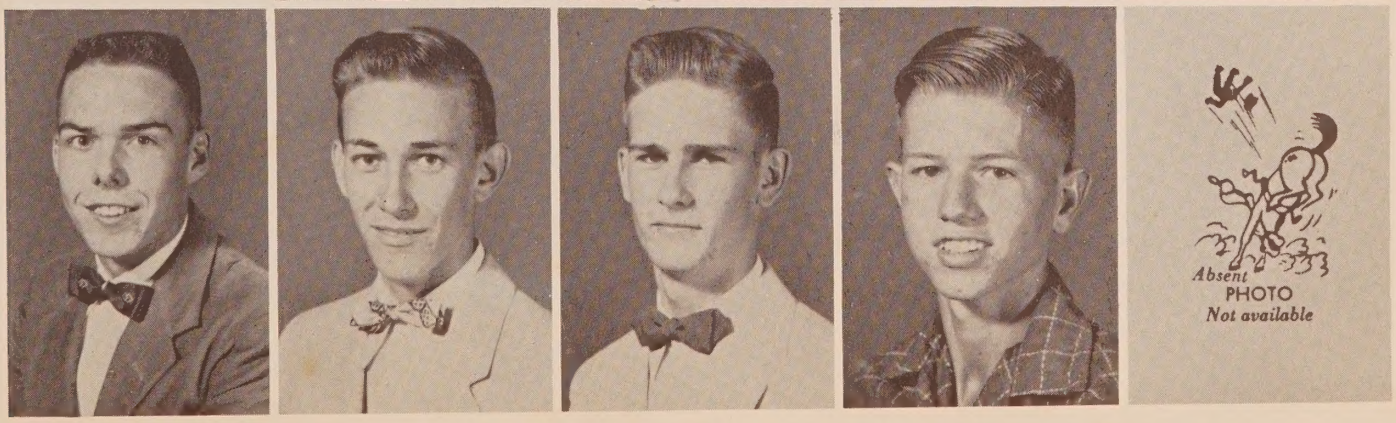

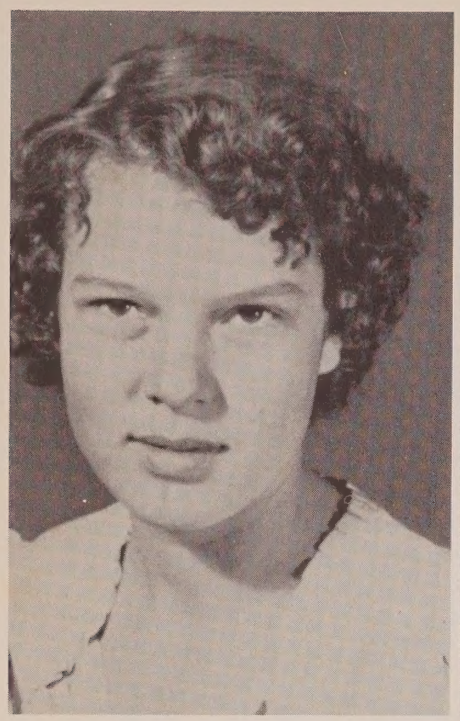

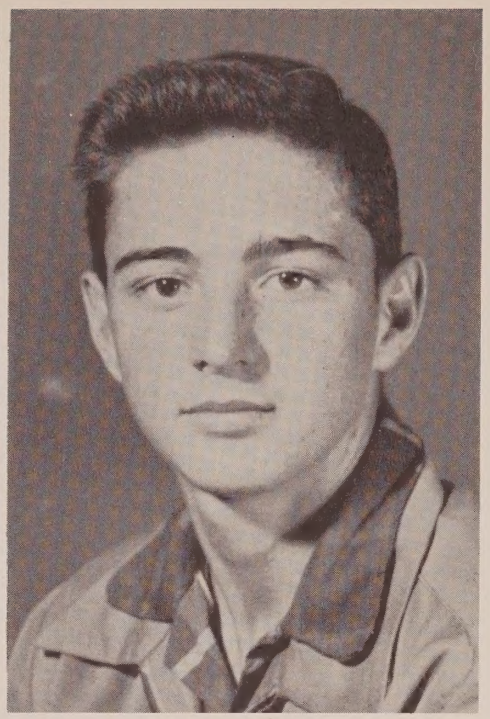

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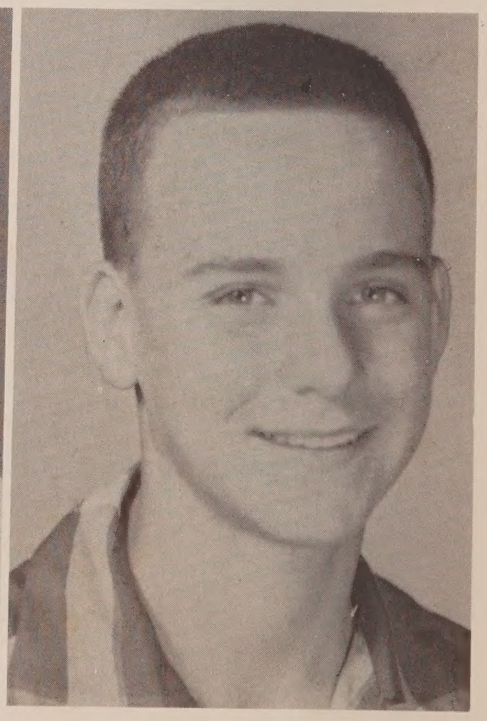

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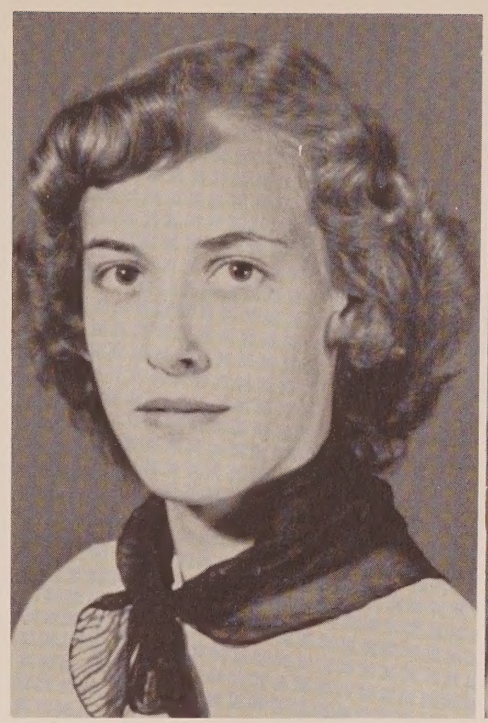

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Claudette Wilson

Mary Nell Woodham

Jerry C. Hickman

Benjamin Wicker

Lydia Sasser

Juanita Squires

Hellon Johns

Julaine Johnson

Florene Hicks

Cleo Harris

Clyde Hood

Barbara McFatter

Linda Hightower

Janice Bruner

GRADE

Iris Bush

Nina Brock

Sarah Brock

Edwin Bailey

Rodney Parrish

Luvern Haddock

Malvin Harcus

Rea Hammock

Shelton Smith

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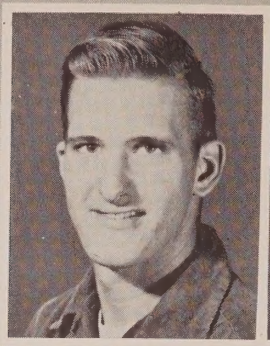
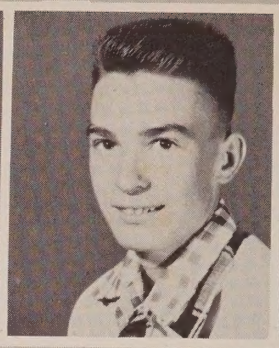

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Hilton Kelly
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Margaret Bruner
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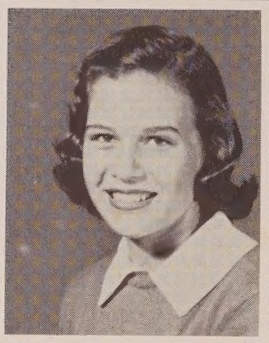
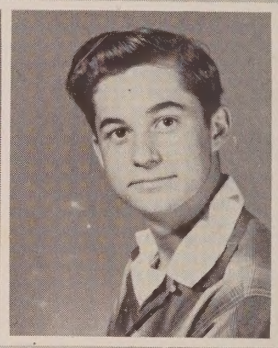

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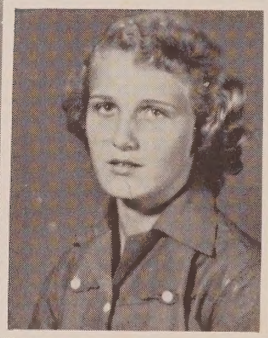

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Yvonne Parrish
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Beverly Weaver
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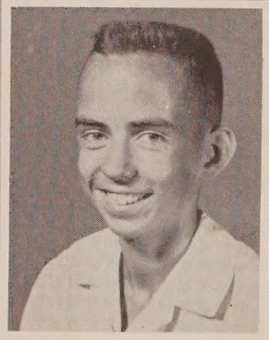

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Shirley Reeder
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Kathryn Russ
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Joyce Levins
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Rex Boyette
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Betty Norris
7-A

Joan Levins
8-A

Joe Ferol
7-B

Sonya Owens
7-A

Mary Jean Porter
8-A

Edsol Jenkins
7-B

Margery Pippen
7-A

Jeanelle Todd
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Dalton Sheffield
7-B

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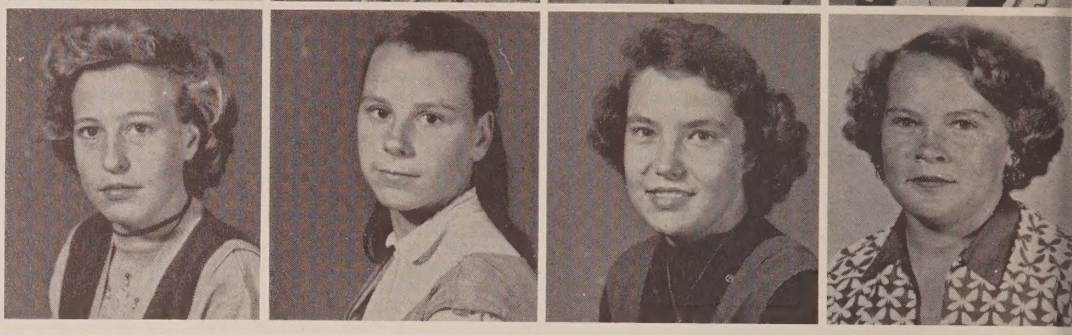

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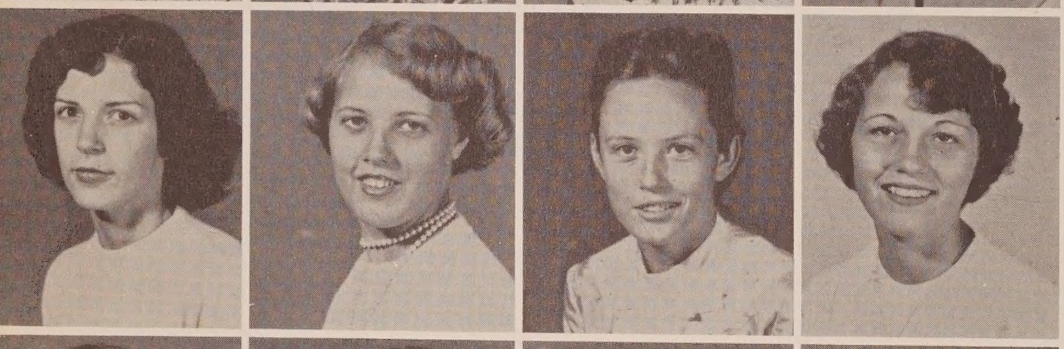

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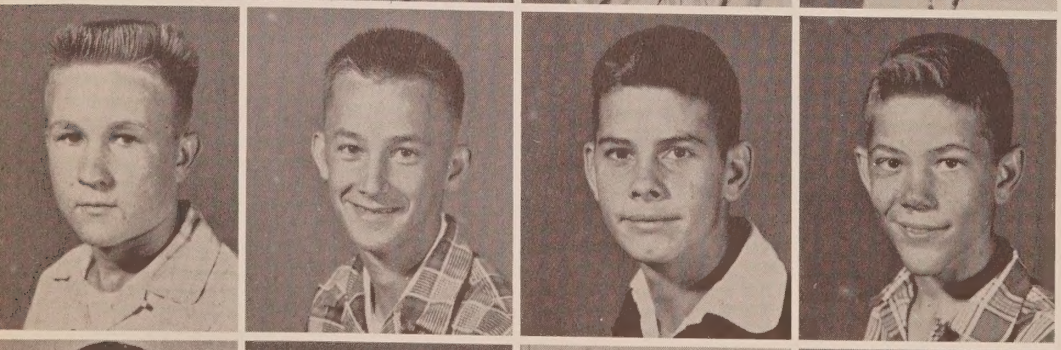

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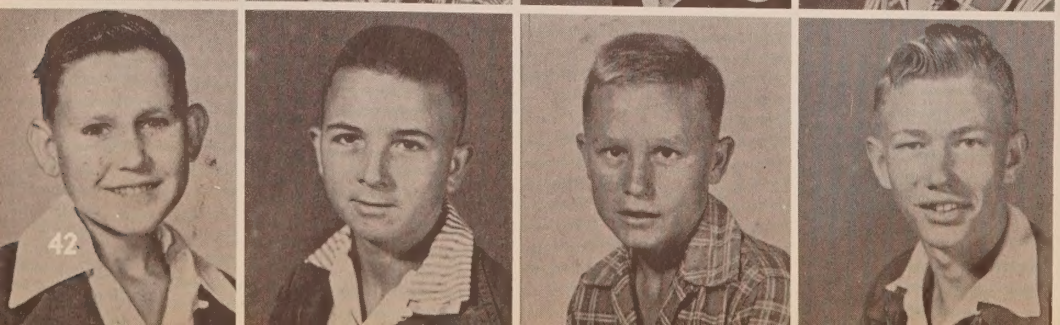

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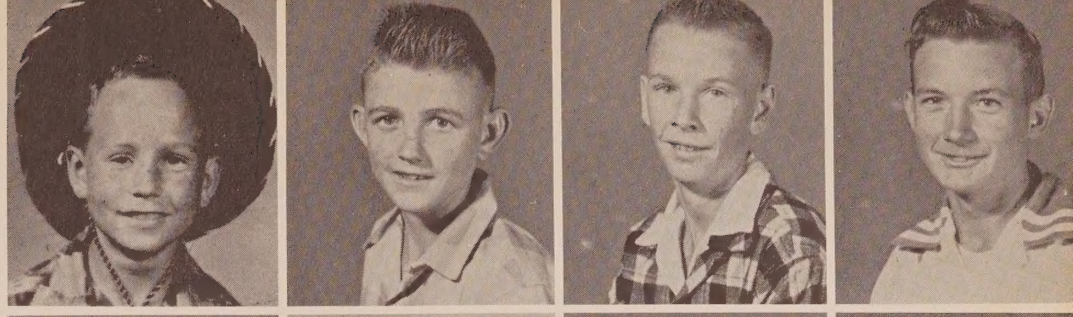

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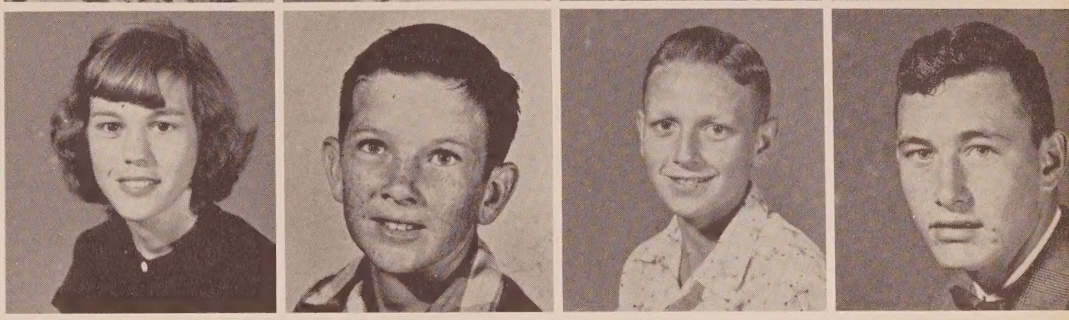

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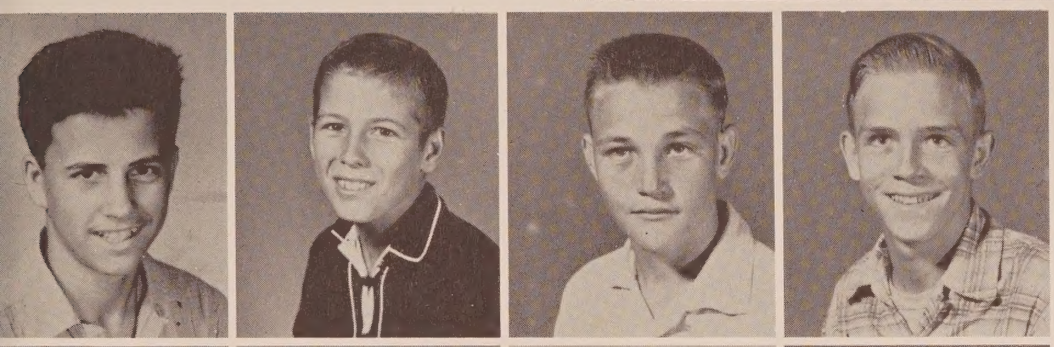

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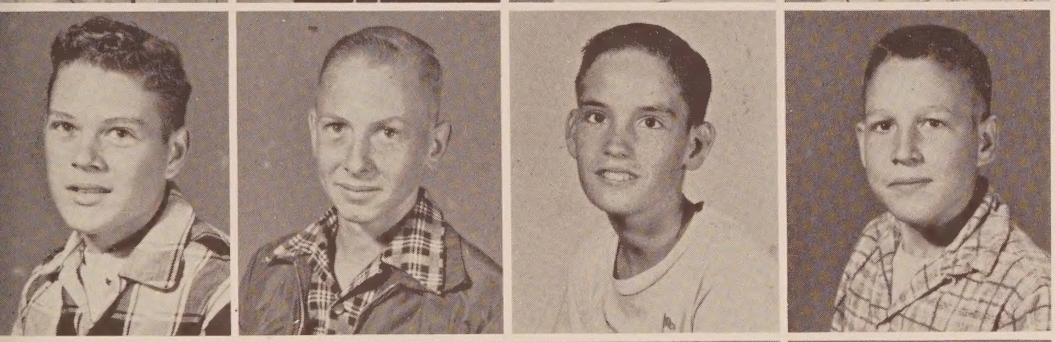

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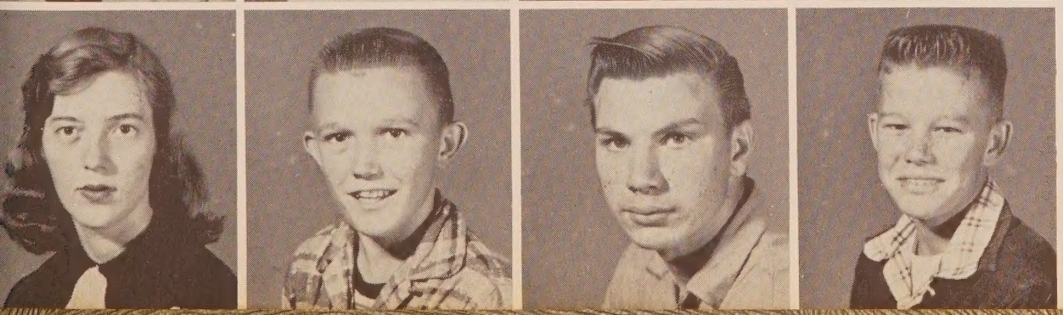

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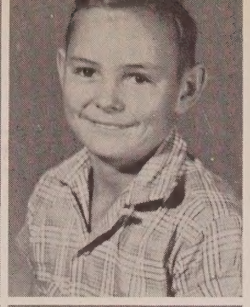

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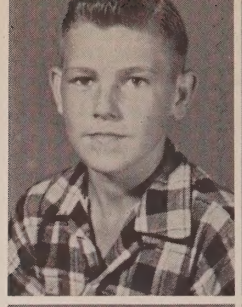

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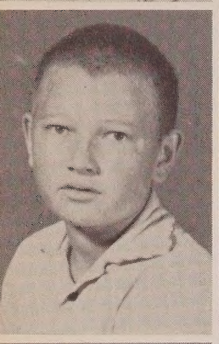

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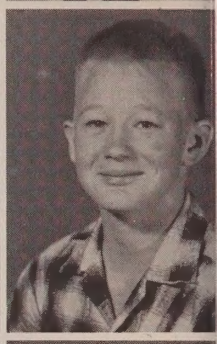

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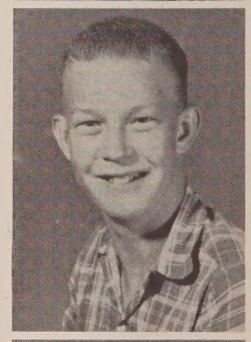

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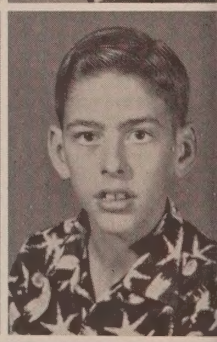

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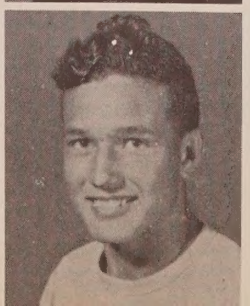

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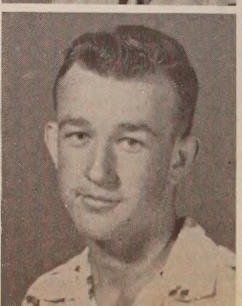

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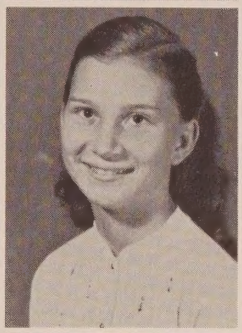

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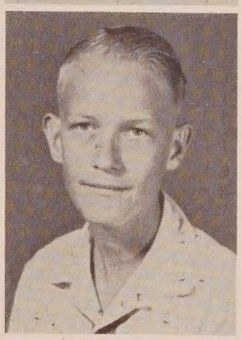

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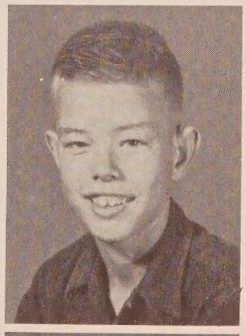

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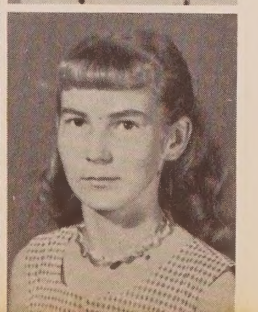

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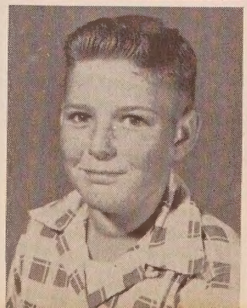
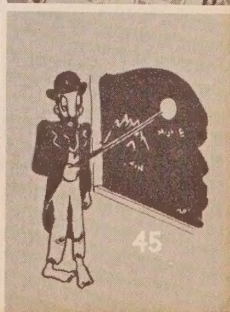

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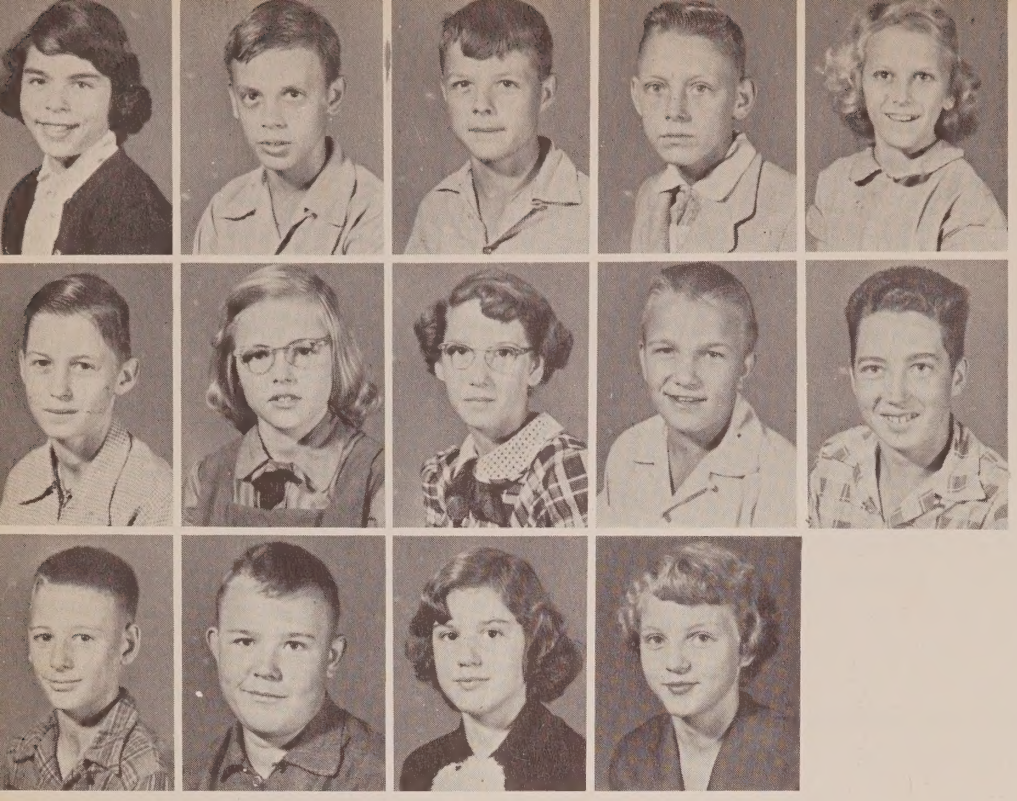

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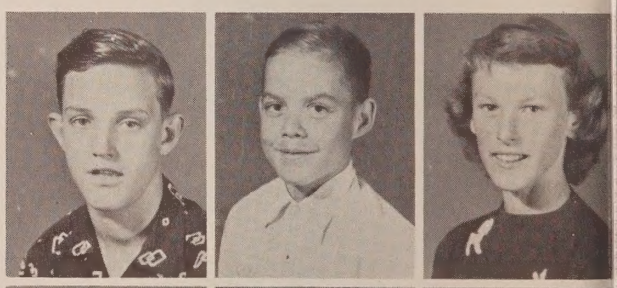

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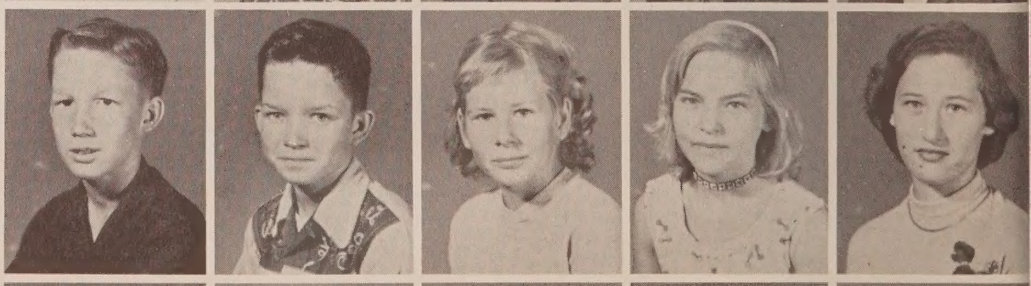

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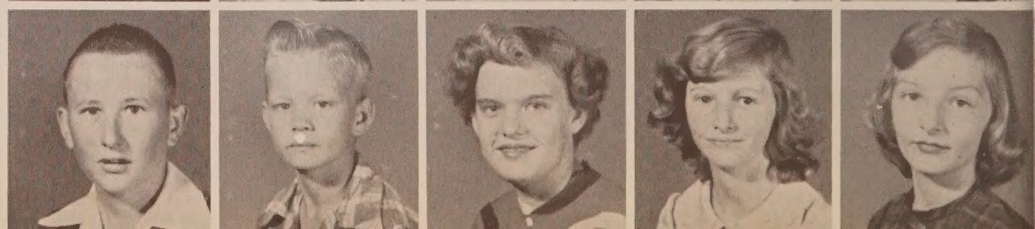

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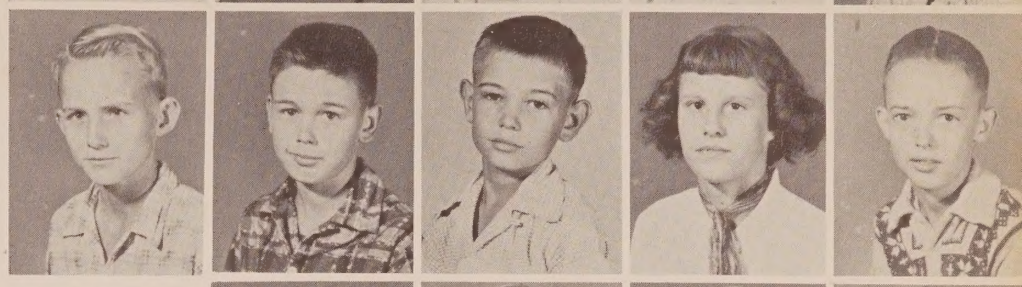

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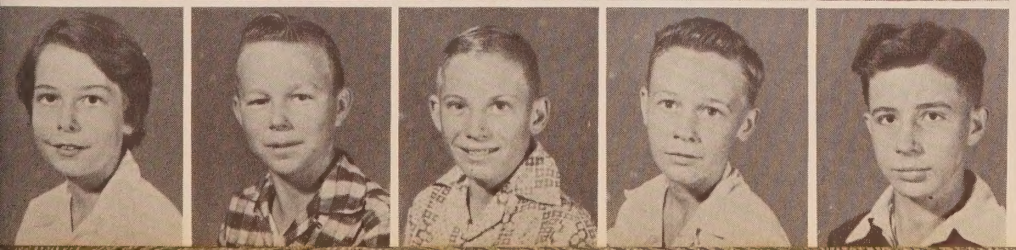

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James Yohn

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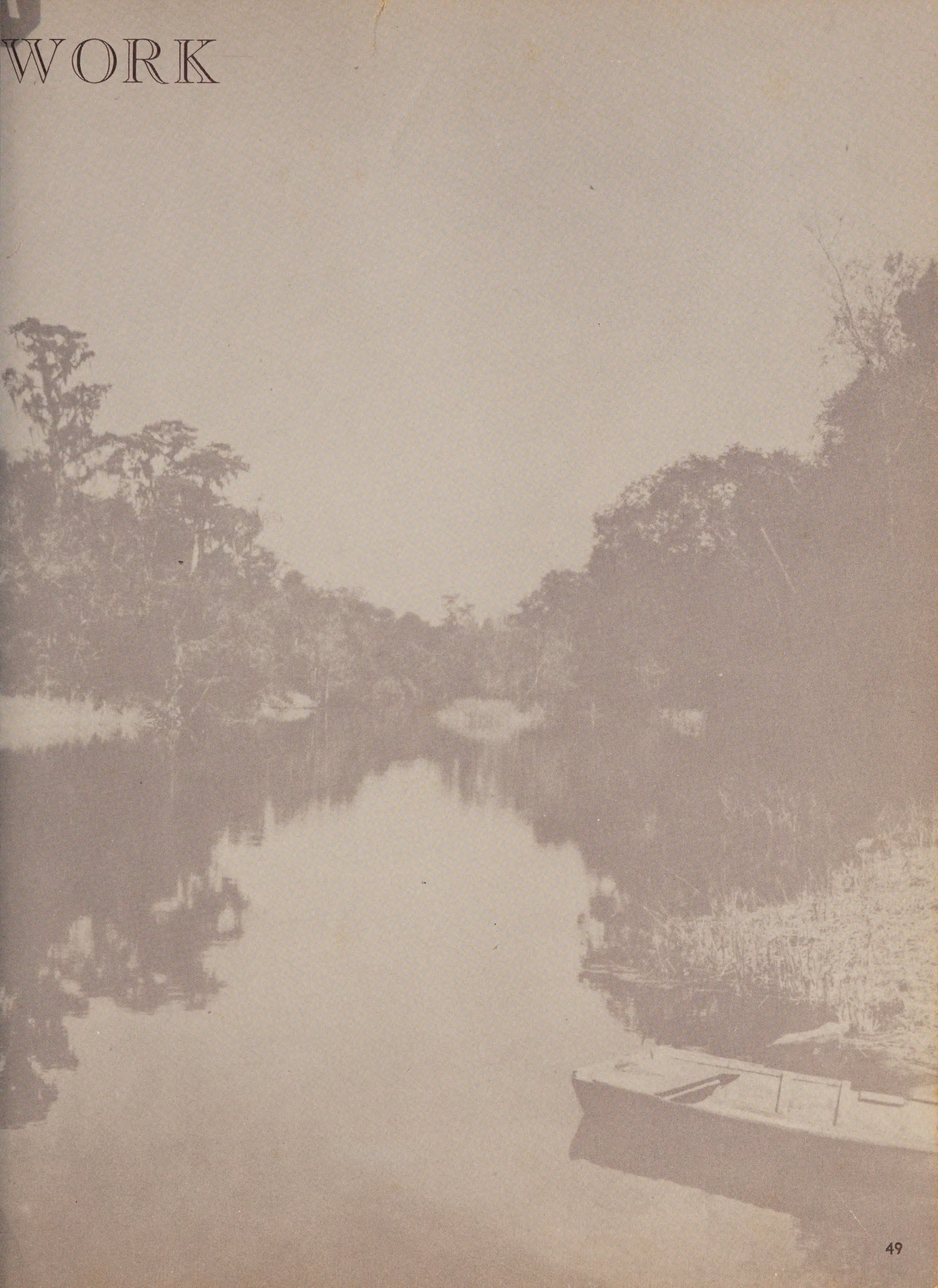
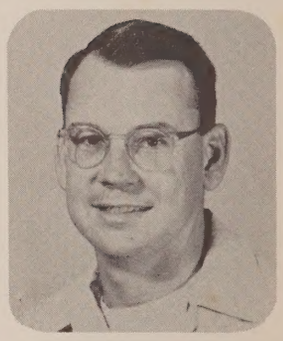


"AND THE BAND

The V.H.S. majorettes get a last minute practice for the half-time performance. They are Joyce Brock, Oveal Burch, Sandra Hightower, Julaine Johnson, drum majorette; Anna Jo Atkins, Mary Eleanor Carter, and Wanda Lawrence.



Conductor J. Gordon King

Front row: Anna Jo Adkins, Wanda Lawrence, Sandra Hightower, Julaine Johnson, Mary Eleanor Carter, Oveal Burch, Joyce Brock, majorettes; J. Gordon King, director. Second row: Elton Russ, trumpet; George Baragona, cornet; Marcia Sapp, Grace Brock, Muriel Wells, clarinets; Janice Bruner, flute; Tyrone May, cornet; Ernie Brock, trombone; Allen Kelly, flute; Carol Ann Hicks, clarinet. Third row: Lottie Helms, cymbals; Jackie Roche, trombone; Ellen Gainer, Dianne Roche, Florene Carter, Janice Shores, clarinets; Etta Ruth Swindle, flute; Milbra Brock, French horn; Sarah Brock, mellophone; Barbara Knight, Kathryn Russ, alto saxophone; Jerry Weeks, cornet. Fourth row: Grace Tiller, Iris Hudson, Margaret Haddock, snare drums; Leonard Hinson, Hattie Ruth Hightower, cornet; Elizabeth Brock, clarinet; Annie Lou Wells, mellophone; George Oliver, cornet; Barbara McFatter, Shirley Shipes, Tobatha McLendon, clarinet; Larry Bruner, trombone; Gary Martin, bass drum. Top row: Lavon Burke, bass horn; Linda Hightower, tenor saxophone; Mary Cathrin May, clarinet; Rodney Parrish, baritone; Miller Compton, baritone saxophone; Buddy Dietz, bass horn.

PLAYED ON"

"The Star Spangled Banner" is played at a flag raising ceremony while two Boy Scouts raise "Old Glory."

The new members are what keep the band growing. Most of these are already appearing in concerts and other performances. They are, front row, left to right: Sandra Hightower, Sarah Brock, Mary Eleanor Carter, Tobatha McLendon, Ellen Gainer, Barbara Knight, Frances Shaw, and Frankie Brock. Second row: Gary Martin, Howard Harris, Wayne Carter, Jerry Weeks, Elton Russ, Joe Wells, Ernie Brock, Bob Hightower and Jackie Roche. Mr. King directs these neophytes in a new song. Three others received instruments this year. They are Larry Pippen, trumpet; Angia Hinson, cornet; and Judy Brock, clarinet.

At the half in a home football game, the band enters the field through the east goal to perform. Drum majorette Julaine Johnson leads in this march.

Charles E. Attix
Director

Liz Brock
Accompanist

Iris Bush, Librarian
Gerry Hicks, Secretary-Treasurer
M.E. Adkison, President

This year the Glee Club presented an operetta "Merry Christmas, " entered solos and two chorus numbers at the district music festival at Pensacola, appeared in concerts and on other occasions.

Chorus members are, front row, left to right: Kathryn Russ, Beverly Weaver, Glenda Raley, Ruth Hinson, Geraldine Hicks, Margaret Bruner, Iris Bush, M.E. Adkison, Yvonne Parrish. Second row: Imogene Shaw, Rubye Fleming, Louvern Haddock, Mary Virginia Harcus, Virginia Moody, Sarah Brock, Betty Oliver, Shirley Walters. Back row: Mary Nell Woodham, Tommy McWilliams, Johnny Calhoun, Claudette Wilson, Pat Parish and Richard Musson.
With the exception of members who played leading roles in the Christmas operetta, these appeared as house party guests and the chorus.

BE MUSIC"

MERRY CHRISTMAS

operetta-in-two-acts
VERNON HIGH SCHOOL
Wednesday night
December 7th
7:30 P.M.

The toy soldiers which the Santas brought down the chimney are left to right (back row) Tommy Cook, Bill Bruner, George Dietz and Larry Pippen, and Jerome Brock and Larry Carter (kneeling).

Jennifer Pippen and Elliot Varnum played the roles of the boy and girl dolls.

Not one, but two Santas visited this house. They were played by Aaron Todd and Buck Dykes. Immediately following the opperetta, the Santas presented Mr. Attix with a gift from the cast at a party they gave in his honor.

The juveniles who came to visit the Dales on Christmas Day are Lewis Street, Sue Cook, Patricia Sapp, Lemuel Smith, Elton Russ, Rhonda Dalton, Charlotte Johnson, Cheryl Ward, Frankie Brock, Gloria Weeks and Betty Varnum.

Starring members of the cast are (standing) Richard Musson, Hilton Kelly and Ruth Hinson. Sitting are Johnny Calhoun, Yvonne Parrish, Geraldine Hicks and Rodney Parrish. Not pictured are Beverly Weaver and Margaret Bruner.

Members who attended the party given for the play cast are (front row) Edwin Bailey, Johnny Calhoun, Richard Musson and Hilton Kelly. (Second row) Jenifer Pippen, Larry Pippen and Rhonda Dalton. (Back row) Imogene Shaw, Rubye Fleming, Glenda Railey, Yvonne Parrish, Sarah Brock, Mary Harcus and Ruth Hinson.

YOUNG AMERICA GOVERNS

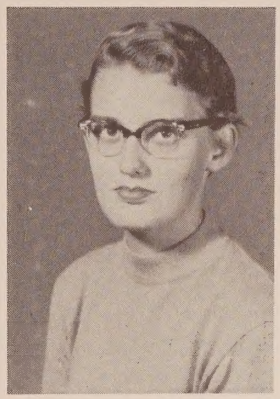
Student Council president, G. W. Kelly, calls the meeting to order, as secretary, Julaine Johnson; prepares to call the roll. Also seated at the table are Gene Hudson, vice president; and the sponsor, Mr. Doyle Taylor. Representatives standing left to right are Melanie Dixon, eleventh grade; Linda Hightower, tenth grade; Jackie Long, Jimmy Savage and Roxie Ann Johns, twelfth grade; Mary Virginia Harcus, ninth grade; Iris Bush, tenth grade; Milbra Brock, ninth grade; Dianne Roche and Sandra Hightower, seventh grade; Philip Waller and Jamie Cook, eleventh grade.

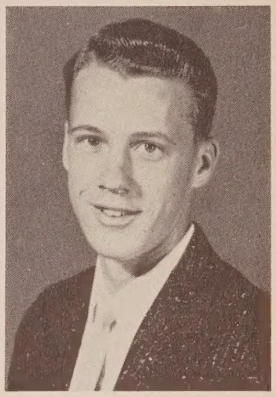
The purpose of the Student Council is to promote training in citizenship, to uphold school spirit and good sportsmanship, respect and fellowship among students.

This year the Student Council sponsored all of the assembly programs. They are planning to sell snowballs to make money to buy new curtains for the stage. The group had a hay ride in January. The crowning of the Halloween queen was sponsored by the student council. They made the Homecoming float for the queens to ride on during the parade.

"LET US LEAD BY SERVING OTHERS"

HANNAH RUTH HINSON
President





JOE BALDWIN
Reporter

RUBYE FLEMING
Vice President

ETTA RUTH SWINDLE
Secretary-Treasurer

The Beta Club is a national honorary society. To become a member a student must maintain a "B" average and possess the character traits of honesty, justice, service, cooperation, responsibility, industry, humility, and charity. A student must also be outstanding in character, leadership and achievement.

At the first of the school year, the Beta Club sent out invitations. In response seven new members were added. They were M.E. Adkison, Gary Martin, Linda Hightower, Rodney Parrish, Loretta Hightower, Jerry Hickman, and Aaron Todd. A private induction ceremony was held at the January meeting where the members were presented Beta certificates and pins.

Projects for the year have included presenting the February P.T.A. program. The club also gave away a waffle iron, presented a variety show, and sponsored a movie to raise funds for new stage curtains for the school auditorium.

Old Beta members are (left to right) Rubye Fleming, Etta Ruth Swindle, Geraldine Hicks, Hattie Ruth Hightower, Jackie Long, Miss Carolyn Fuller, Advisor; Mary Cathrin May, Grace Tiller, Miller Compton, Elizabeth Brock, Joe Baldwin, and Hannah Ruth Hinson.

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS

Mrs. Pauline Cook, Future Homemakers advisor, leads out in observing National FHA Week.

During that week the girls observed church day by attending church in a group. On publicity day Mayor Nixon proclaimed FHA Week, and the girls wore their emblems and placed an exhibit in a downtown store window. They planted shrubs in the community on community day. And on school day they displayed the FHA banner at school, gave each teacher a rose, and put an exhibit on the bulletin board.

Officers of FHA demonstrate the art of table arrangements. They are Florene Carter, parliamentarian; Mary Lou Galloway, treasurer; Julaine Johnson, secretary; Jackie Long, reporter; Grace Tiller, recreation chairman; Oveal Burch, vice president; Helen Anderson, and Milbra Brock, historian.

Up goes the new $65,000 vocational building! And proudly these FHA members (in group to right) hail the achievement.

First row: Glenda Railey, Donnie Bell Porter, Foye Lawrence, Shirley Reeder, Janice Shores, Anna Jo Adkins, Wanda Worthington, Yvonne Parrish, Iris Hudson.

Second row: Iris Bush, Virginia Dilley, Nina Brock, Annie Lou Wells, Annie Sue Padgett, Margaret Haddock, Virginia Moody, Pat Parrish, and Mary Virginia Harcus.

Etta Ruth Swindle, president of the Vernon chapter of FHA, serves punch in a properly appointed setting.

The Future Homemakers sponsored the March of Dimes drive, collecting a total of $101.43. School students contributed $57.98.

Several chapter members worked at "polio toll stations" in downtown Vernon, raising $43.45 more.

FHA members (to the right) arranged the "Reach for a Star" exhibit, which won second place in the Interstate Fair, Pensacola, October 16-23. Etta Ruth Swindle (extreme left) took the exhibit to the fair after having been invited by the fair manager to enter.

The other girls are Foye Lawrence, Pat Parish, Yvonne Parrish, Virginia Moody, Imogene Shaw and Florene Carter.

June Musson was the winner of the Betty Crocker Search for Homemaker of Tomorrow test, competing with several other senior girls.

First row: Melanie Dixon, M.E. Adkison, Loretta Hightower, Janice Bruner, Lavivian Long, Bernice Street, Florea Pettis, Gretle McAdams, Imogene Shaw, and Jean Taylor. Second row: Phoebe Sheffield, Brooks White, Grace Tiller, Shirley Shipes, Ouida Jones, Clara Kelly, Rea Hammock, and Elizabeth Brock.

Mr. Arol Hudson, F.F.A. advisor, displays a few awards won by the Vernon Chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

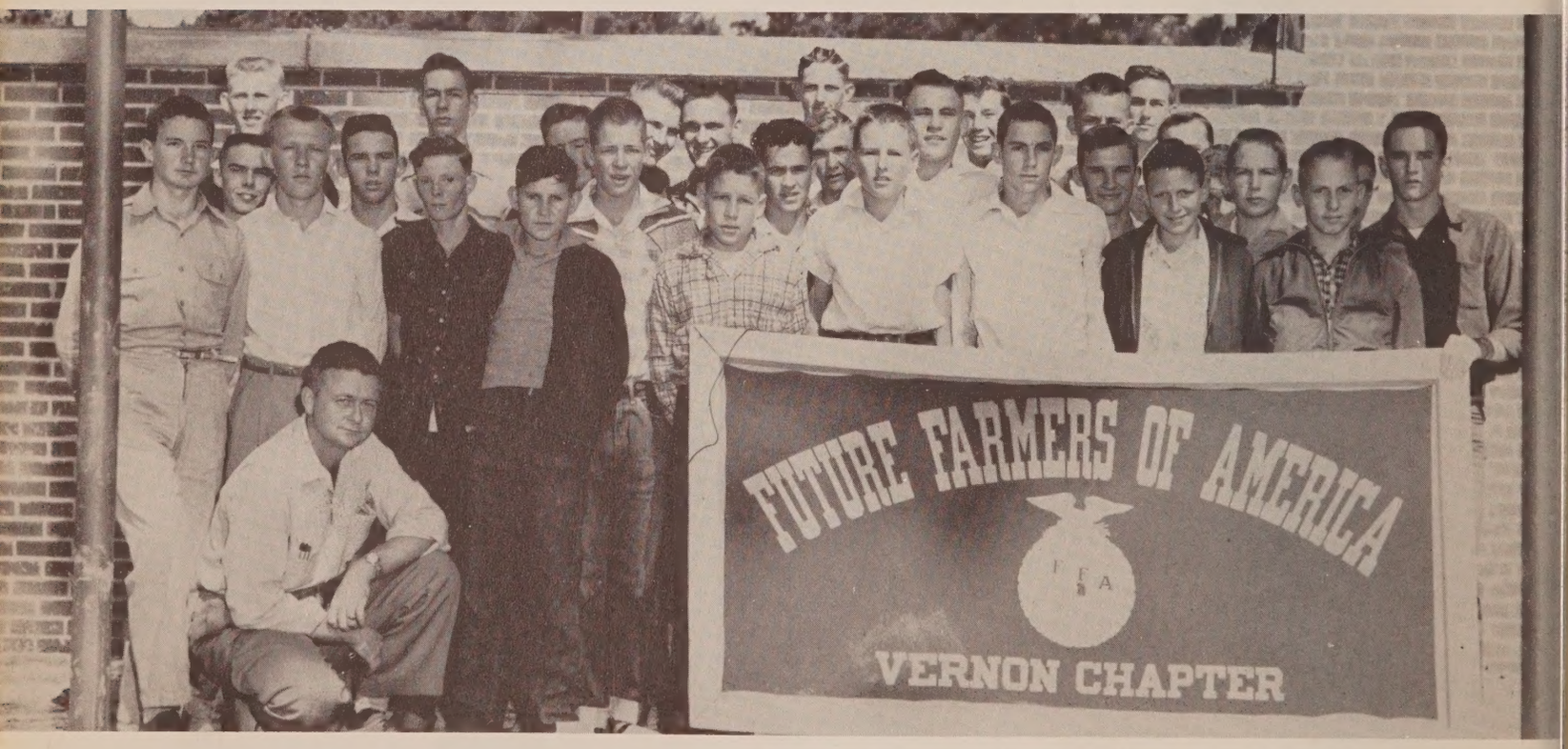
FUTURE FARMERS

The Future Farmers of America is one of the most active organizations on campus. They have earned awards in various areas of participation.

Their softball team won sub-district, district, and area contests, and placed third in the state. Their horseshoe pitching team won sub-district and district, and entered the state contest.

The string band won the sub-district and was placed second in the district contest. The club entered the Mechanized Farming Award Contest, sponsored by Florida Ford Tractor Co., and received honorable mention.

The boys raised one hundred chickens for their Father-Son Banquet, which was held March 8. They built a brooder house and equipped it with a self-feeder and an automatic watering system. For a heating system, they used the elements from an old electric heater and infrared heat bulbs.



Left to right: Coy Gene Finch, Aaron Todd, Gene Hudson, G.W. Kelly, Mr. Arol Hudson (kneeling), Daniel A. Rogers, Ralph Harris, David Bowersox, Loran Van Haddock, Jimmy Savage, Jimmy Bryant, Earl Gainey and Don Hewett.

Donald Walsingham, Jamie Cook, Charles Mason, Floyd Cook, Benjamin Wicker, Donald Haddock, Charles Lewis, Jesse Gilmore, Kenneth Cook, John Paul Cook, Darius Tiller, Bobby Padgett, Henry Cook, Wadell Jenkins, Crayton Shaw, Royace Cook and James Fussell.

Eighteen members of the F.F.A. and Mr. Hudson attended the State Fair in Tampa, February 3-4. Transportation was furnished by a Washington County school bus.

The chapter entered a team in the beef and cattle and the swine judging contests. The team was composed of Kenneth, Leonard, and John Paul Cook and Charles Lewis.

Charles Lewis, President of F.F.A., admires Mr. Johnson's pigs.

In the picture below a group of F.F.A. boys stands in front of the building which will house the agriculture and home economics departments. The structure will cost $65,000 and is of brick construction. The building will be occupied at the beginning of the 1956-'57 school term.

Left to right: Hubert Sellars, Leroy Land, Hertis Davis, James Moore, George Nelson, Jesse Tyre, Harrell Wells, Helton Haddock, Jerry Syfrett, Donald Johnson, Ronald Johnson, Charles Taylor, Preston Evans, Joe Baldwin and Leonard Cook.

Doyle Bush, Donald Hammock, John Alex Wells, Shelton Smith, Tommy Swindle, Doris Owens, Clyde Hood, Eli Carter, Malvin Harcus and Eugene Pippin.

THE JACKETS' STING

VERNON — VERNON HIGH SCHOOL — FLORIDA

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GRACE TILLER TO HEAD PAPER STAFF

Grace Tiller has been named editor-in-chief of the "Jackets' Sting" for the 1955-'56 school year. She is a senior and served as sports editor last year. Other members of the staff are as follows:

Assistant Editor - - - - - - - - - - Aaron Todd
Business Manager - - - - - - - - Evelyn Cook
Assistant Business Manager - - - June Musson
Feature Editor - - - - - - - - Miller Compton
Assistant Feature Editor - - - M.E. Adkison
Art Editor - - - - - - - - Hannah Ruth Hinson
Assistant Art Editor - - - - - - - - Ralph Harris
Alumni Editor - - - - - - - - - - Mary C. May
Assistant Alumni Editor - - Mary L. Galloway
Boys' Sports Editor - - - - - - - - Joe Baldwin
Assistant Boys' Sports Editor - - Phillip Waller
Girls' Sports Editor - - Hattie Ruth Hightower
Assistant Girls' Sports Editor
- - - - - - - - - - - - - - Etta Ruth Swindle
I. Roche - - - - - - - - - - - Faculty Advisor

STUDENTS PUBLISH "STING"

The Jackets' Sting is to be published six times this school year by the students of Vernon School (high and elementary). These publications will be made at Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter, and Commencement.

This year the school has purchased a new mimeograph machine for this purpose. With it they can run off the paper more quickly and easily, and the type will be much plainer than in past years.

Special features by this paper include the alumni news, Honor Roll, Gossip, Rock and Roll Column, and student-written essays and short stories.

The smaller news items turned in are often the most important, such as awards, honors and general news.

Making plans for the first issue of the "Sting" are (left to right) Etta Ruth Swindle, Hattie Ruth Hightower, Phillip Waller, Ralph Harris, Hannah Ruth Hinson, Aaron Todd, Grace Tiller, Mary C. May, Miller Compton, Mary Lou Galloway, M.E. Adkison, June Musson, I. Roche, advisor, and Evelyn Cook.

ONE PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

Aaron Todd
President

Evelyn Cook
Vice President

June Musson
Secretary-Treasurer

M. E. Adkison
Reporter

In Camera Club meetings, much time is devoted to discussion of cameras, looking over student photography work, searching "Popular Photography" and U. S. Camera" magazines for new ideas, and taking pictures. At one meeting a film on how fine cameras are made was shown.

Members are Phyllis Bonner, Grace Brock, Mary Eleanor Carter, Miller Compton, Virginia Dilley, Mary V. Harcus, Ann Hewett, Hattie R. Hightower, Lavern Land, Foye Lawrence, Jackie Long, Mary C. May, Pat Parish, Christine Porter, Dianne Roche, Jackie Roche, Kathryn Russ, Kathryn Sheffield, Grace Tiller, and Joyce Hicks.

Mr. Roche, the advisor, snaps a picture of a group of Camera Club members.

Ouida Jones, president; Elouise Carnley, secretary-treasurer; and Corene Brewer, reporter; finish planning the program to be presented at the next Library Club meeting.

"NO FRIGATE LIKE A BOOK"

The Library Club is composed of students who work as library assistants at least one period each day. They help other students find books and reference material and use the library in general. Other duties are making catalog cards, repairing books and keeping the library in order.

The club has learned to use the different references in the library for recreational programs. They are exploring the library and finding out as many things about it as they can.

To get others in the club interested in different types of books, at each Library Club meeting the members make a report on a book.

Below, a group of Library Club members enjoy games and refreshments after the meeting. They are Annie Mae McCullough, Katie Mae McCullough, Charlotte Sheffield, Walter Faison, Donald Smith, Daniel Martin, Ouida Jones, Annette Anderson, Corene Brewer, Elouise Carnley, Cathern Whitfield, Carolyn Roberts, (standing front) Malviner Haney and Mamie Lou Carnley.

Science Club members enjoy a field trip along the banks of the creek. They are Thomas Bodie, Charles Brock, Eulene Brock, Ivan Brock, George Bryant, Floretta Carter, Earl Cook, Scarlett Cook, Paul Dalbec, Gail Dykes, Charles Faison, Janice Foster, Junior Fergerson, Ellen Gainer, Mary Gilmore.

Jimmy Goodson, Howard Harris, Corine Hicks, Jimmy Jefferies, Ronald Johnson, Carolyn Land, Fairl Mallory, Harold Mallory, Harry Marshall, Venice Moss, Richard Musson, Betty Norris.

"THE SCIENTIFIC AGE"

President G. W. Kelly points out the importance of the basic seven to Shirley Reeder, reporter; and Leonard Cook, vice president.

Each time the Science Club meets a program is presented. Some of their activities are developing pictures, making insect collections and working with plastic. The members also learn much from experiments with chemicals.

The Science Club is offered for students interested in science. Its purpose is to further interest those who plan to make a career of science and to show others the opportunities offered in this scientific age.

The Junior 4-H girls are (left to right) Arlene Smothers, Christeen Porter, Judy Harrell, Margery Pippin, Malviner Haney, Scarlett Cook, Becky Stempley, Annette Anderson, Julia Ann Hare, Corene Hicks, Vera Murphy, Francis Brewer, Betty Norris, Novella Dykes, Ramona Sanders.

Floretta Carter, Sonya Owens, Shirley Smothers, Tobatha McLendon, Shirley Cole, Charlaine Cook, Sharon Cole, Carolyn Land, Kathryn Sheffield, Muriel Wells, Mary Gilmore, Eulene Brock, Grace Brock, Gail Dykes, Pat Crosby, Mrs. P. D. Beverett and Mrs. Payne.

"TO MAKE THE 4-H Club

JUNIOR 4-H GIRLS

Under the direction of Mrs. J. H. Payne, county Home Demonstration agent, and Mrs. P. D. Beverett, club advisor, the junior 4-H girls have learned the parts of the sewing machine, how to improve the interior of the home, the planning of a well balanced and colorful meal, and how to set the table properly. They also made Christmas gifts for friends.

The officers of this club are Tobatha McLendon, president; Margery Pippen, vice president; Muriel Wells, secretary-treasurer; Pat Crosby, news reporter; Sonya Owens, song leader; Novella Dykes, game leader; Becky Stempley, council delegate and score card keeper.

4-H BOYS

The boys are learning how to do by doing. They are working on projects in forestry, poultry, livestock, gardening, and the like.

In November, Lavon Burke and Clyde Hood received rewards, of money and ribbons for outstanding exhibits at the State Corn Show in Tallahassee.

They also won a trip to the State Fair in Tampa to compete with judging teams from all over the state.

The boys (at right) are examining a magnolia tree to find the different insects that have affected its growth.

The Senior 4-H girls practice judging. They are (left to right) Helen Johns, Janice Bruner, Mrs. J.H. Payne, Nina Brock, Clara Kelly, Berneice Street, Elaine Cook, Verdell Finch, Marie Cook, Gretle McAdams, Virginia Moody, Florea Pettis, Hazel Haney, Florene Carter, Yvonne Parrish, and Mrs. Pauline Cook.

BEST BETTER"

SENIOR 4-H GIRLS

Four of the 4-H members attended the North Florida Fair in Tallahassee, winning second place in the judging contest. The club was also represented at the State 4-H Short Course in Tallahassee.

The group was present at the county dress review, and 4-H egg show. They took an active part in the West Florida Dairy Show in Chipley.

Projects such as sewing, home improvement, gardening, poultry raising, and child care are taken up by the girls.

Officers are Florene Carter, president; Clara Kelly, vice president; Helen Johns, secretary-treasurer; Yvonne Parrish, reporter; Janice Shores, song leader; Virginia Moody, game leader; Elaine Cook, council delegate; and Hazel Haney, junior leader.

Members of the Boys' 4-H club are Felton Barfield, George Baragona, Arrey Burch, Kenneth Brock, Lloyd Bruner, Larry Bruner, Wayne Carter, Thomas Cook, Loran Cook, Henry Cook, Ray Curlee, Jimmy Dietz, Kenneth Faile, Vaughn Galloway, James Gilley, Dennis Hayes, Hubert Hayes, Daniel Helms, Leslie Spence, James Yohn.

Carlton Wells, Carl Yates, John Elton Worthington, Edsel Jenkins, Allen McCullough, Daniel Wallace, Roy Land, Buddy Squires, Shelton Smith, John Paul Cook, Royce Pippen, Tommy Harrell, Thomas Land, Preston Haddock, Donald Taylor, Hilton Kelly.

Leroy Land, Jim Harrell, Clinton Hicks, Henry Cook, Orvis Morrell, Hill Bryant, Theodore Simmons, Donald Boyette, Charley Horne, Jimmy Jefferson, Bryward Padgett, Curtis Porter, Thomas Bodie, Charles Brock, Wesley Levins, Dewey Worley and Carthel Walsingham.

Officers are Clyde Hood, president; Shelton Smith, vice president; Lavon Burke, secretary-treasurer; John Paul Cook, reporter.

"REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR . . ."

The Devotional Club meets once a month. The meeting is always opened with prayer, students taking turns giving the devotionals. Bible quizzes, songs and games are frequently participated in.

Occasionally guest speakers are invited to club meetings. On January 11, Reverend M. S. Baldwin, pastor of Vernon Methodist Church, spoke effectively on "Reaching the Goal We Desire in Life."

On January 24, the club enjoyed a skating party in Bonifay.

A library to which the members contribute books, and from which they may check out books, is maintained.

The Devotional Club assumes responsibility for the devotional period in Parent-Teacher Association meetings.

Iris Bush, secretary-treasurer, Mary Jean Porter, vice president; and Mr. R. E. Upton, advisor (standing). Tommy McWilliams, Mary Nell Woodham, Ernestine Helms, Minnie Finch, Florene Hicks (front row).

Frances Dilley, Dorothy Morrell, Joyce Ann Brock, Mary Nell Anderson, Phoebe Sheffield, Alice Burnham, and Kay Frances Woodham (second row). Verdell Finch, Florea Pettis, Gretle McAdams, Exie Merl Pettis, Mamie Lou Carnley, Wanda Lawrence, and Beverly Weaver (third row).

Ann Hewett, Marie Cook, Betty Jean Oliver, Merle Harris, Ebbie Jean Street, Charlotte Sheffield, and Adell Street (fourth row). Elaine Cook, Claudette Wilson, Irene Finch, Katie McCullough, Ann McCullough, and Corene Brewer (fifth row).

TEACHERS FOR TOMORROW'S SCHOOLS

Informality characterizes this meeting of the Future Teachers of America. They are as follows: Elizabeth Brock, Rea Hammock, Loretta Tiller, Barbara Finch, Lavivian Long, Jonnie Moore, Carolyn Cook, Ruthis Mae Smothers, Aline Sheffield, Jean Taylor, Rubye Fleming, Hazel Haney and Mr. Burl Hunt, Advisor.

This year the FTA sold football and basketball bracelets and high school pencils in order to raise money to buy a water cooler. The club sponsors as assembly program, featuring Future Teachers from Florida State University.

Members attending the State FTA Convention were Melanie Dixon, Etta Ruth Swindle, Rubye Fleming, and Hannah Ruth Hinson.

"IT'S HOW YOU PLAY THE GAME."

The purpose of the "V" Club is to encourage boys and girls to take part in sports. To become a member, you must earn a letter by playing in 16 quarters of a season. One who has earned a letter by cheerleading is also eligible for membership. The club helps to raise money for the athletic department by selling drinks, candy, and peanuts at basketball games.

OFFICERS

President - - - - - - Bobby Padgett
Vice President - - - - -Joe Baldwin
Secretary - - - - - - Hulan Carter
Treasurer - - - - - - Gene Hudson
Reporter - - - - - - Rodney Parrish

A group of "V" Club members just complete their entry in the homecoming parade.

MEMBERS

Doyle Bush
Broward Brock
Johnny Calhoun
Buddy Deitz
Buck Dykes
Melanie Dixon
Mary Lou Galloway
Earl Gainey
Wade Hall
Geraldine Hicks
Donald Haddock
Edward Horne
Don Hewett
Charles Mason
Carlton Miller
Yvonne Parrish
Jimmy Savage
Corbin Scott
Aaron Todd
June Musson
Beverly Weaver
Philip Waller
Jerry Hickman
Roxie Johns
Charles Lewis
Barbara McFatter

JEANELLE TODD
President

JOYCE LEVINS
Vice President

KATHRYN RUSS
Secretary-Treasurer

YVETTE STRICKLAND
Reporter

The Jr. Book Club is learning how to use and appreciate the library. With the help of the materials in the library and the games we play, the club is very interesting. Our future plans are to read more books, make more reports, and discuss them at meetings.

Members of the club are pictured below. They are Donald Ray Smith, Roy Land, Yvette Strickland, Junior Fergerson, Howard Harris, Joyce Levins, Joe Wells, Kennith Brock, Kathryn Russ, Margaret Bruner, Pat Lewis, Jimmy Goodson, Mr. James Russ, advisor (standing).

Felton Barfield, Verla Mae Hendrix, Barbara Knight, Nelda Fay Hughes, Lloyd Bruner, Curtis Porter, Donald Taylor, Buddy Squires, Vaughn Galloway, Cathern Whitfield, Jimmy Dietz, Carolyn Roberts, Jeanelle Todd (standing), Ray Curlee, Larry Bruner and Jack Dorch.

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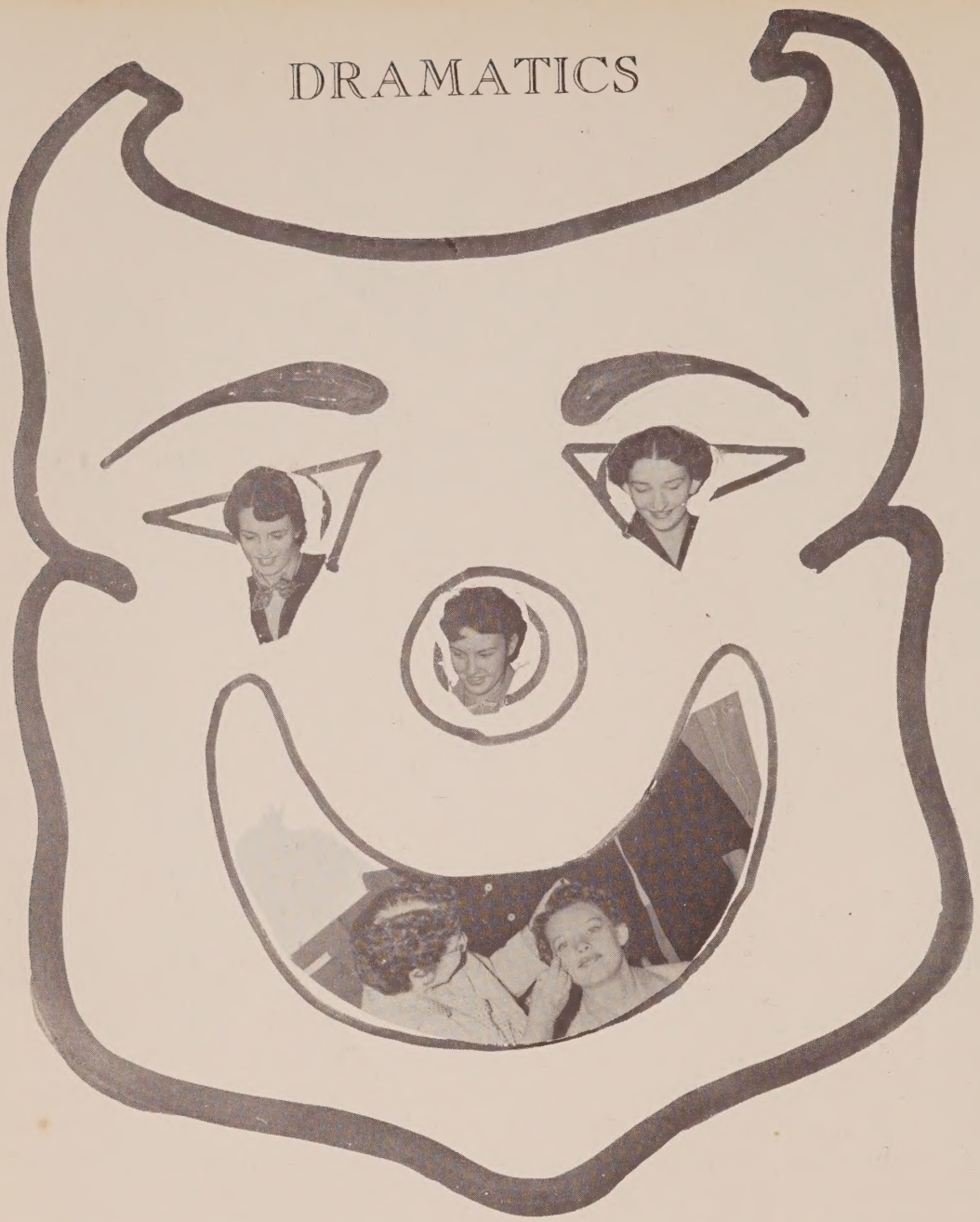


Grace Tiller - President
Miller Compton - Vice President
Hattie R. Hightower - Secretary
Mrs. Lillian Hightower, advisor, makes up Virginia Moody's face for a play.

Watching Shirley Reeder and Shirley Faye Swindle perform are Pat Parrish, Janice Shores, Foye Lawrence, Shirley Shipes, Sarah Brock, Ann Norris, Lavern Haddock, Kay Francis Woodham, Cleo Harris, Ouida Jones, Joan Levins, Iris Hudson and Margaret Haddock.

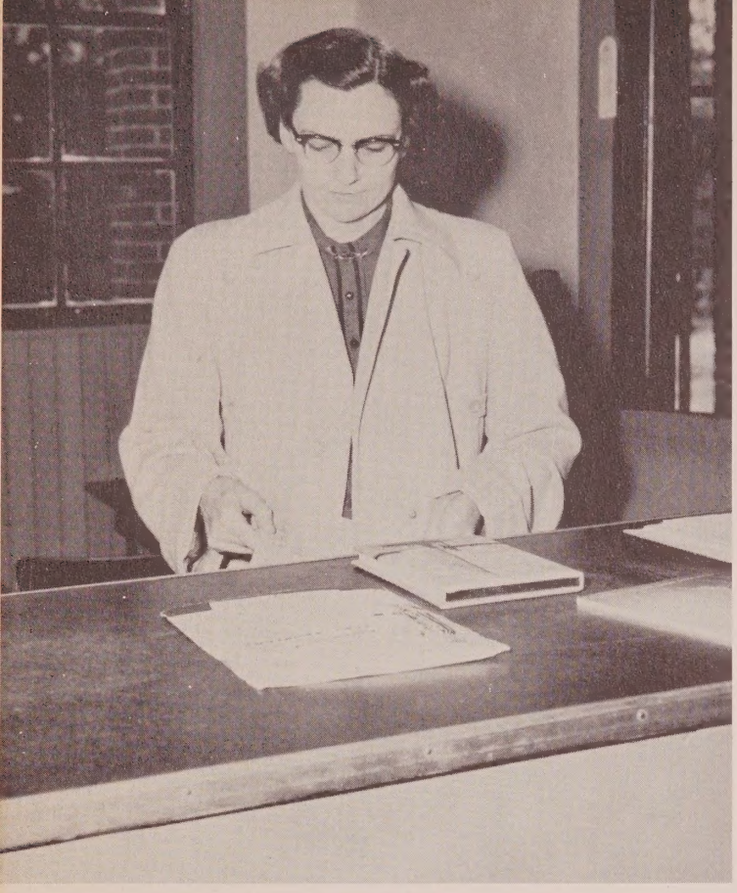
Purpose: To develop poise and leadership in the student, and to give people who enjoy acting an opportunity to act.

CLUB

Johnny Calhoun - Reporter
Mary C. May - Group Captain
Ouida Jones - Group Captain
Linda Hightower - Reporter

Yvonne Parrish and Leonard Hinson perform in the play, "Three's a Crowd."

As Miller Compton pleads with Grace Tiller in a short skit, Linda Hightower, Julaine Johnson, Imogene Shaw, Hattie Ruth Hightower, Margaret Yates, Yvonne Parrish, Richard Musson, Tyrone May, Jackie Long, Ronald Cook, Willie Martin, Clinton Hicks, Leonard Hinson, George Oliver, Mary C. May, Mary V. Harcus, Virginia Moody and Milbra Brock look on.



Mrs. Lottie Dykes, yearbook advisor, lays out the staff's work for the day.

The yearbook planned and carried out many money-making projects in order to finance its 1956 Jacket Buzz. The first big job was the selling of ads. Groups visited merchants in the surrounding territory and convinced them of the necessity of advertising, and presented our plans for helping them. Between four and five hundred dollars were raised in this way.

The staff also sponsored the movie, "Robinson Crusoe," at the local theater on September 28. Students from both elementary and high school were permitted to attend.

Other means of financing the yearbook were selling personal cards to the seniors on a 50% commission basis, selling pictures for a commercial photographer, and sponsoring a hillbilly show.

One of the highlights of the year was the Northern District Journalism Conference, held in connection with the Florida Scholastic Press Association on the campus of Florida State University October 15. Seven members of the yearbook staff took advantage of the instruction given in various classes taught by outstanding people in journalism.

The yearbook sales campaign was officially opened on Februrary 1 and closed on the twentieth. The opening was heralded by an assembly program, "Arthur Godfrey and His Friends," in which Mr. Hunt starred and which was directed by the business manager, Hannah Ruth Hinson.

The staff plans, sketches, checks information, types, in the tremendous task of putting out the 1956 Jacket Buzz. Engaged in this effort, above, are Donald Hammock, typist; Aaron Todd, David Bowersox, Gary Martin, Mary Lou Galloway, salesmen; Geraldine Hicks, editor; Melanie Dixon, Elizabeth Brock, salesmen; Ralph Harris, art editor; Joyce Tyre Hicks, typist and Hannah Ruth Hinson, business manager.

THROUGH PICTURE AND PROSE

Much work is done on the yearbook from the time the staff begins planning until the finished product is sold to you.

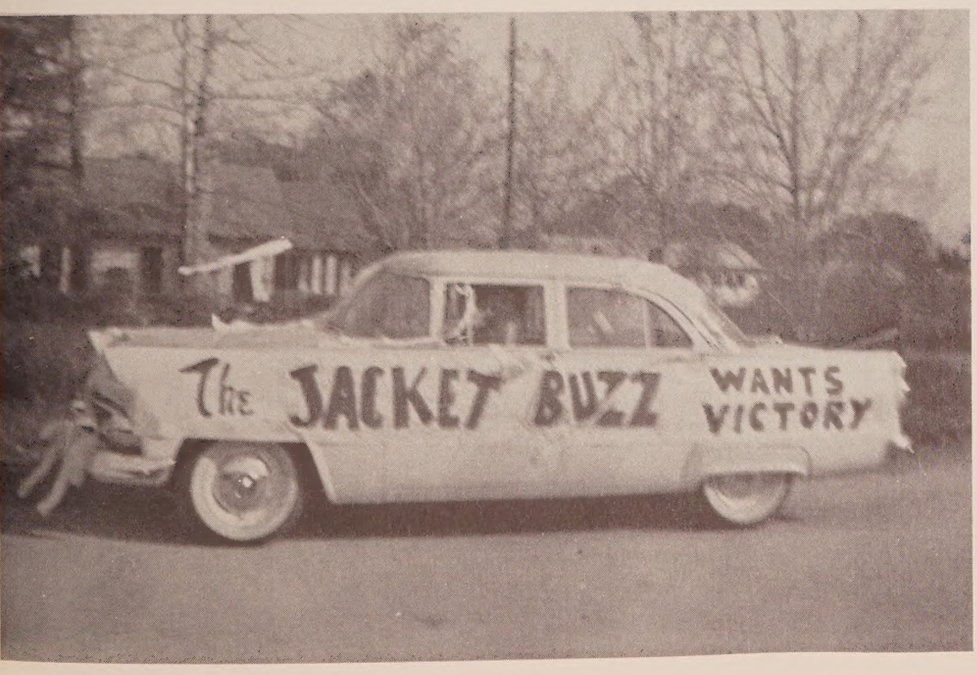
First, the staff plans the whole book: the number of pages, the amount of space to be given to each division, organization, or sport, and the like. Then the layout of each page is sketched in the staff dummy, and the kind of pictures to be used is decided upon. After this the photographer is contacted and a schedule of picture making arranged.

After the pictures arrive, actual work on the copy sheets to be sent to the publishers begins. The staff works diligently gathering information concerning clubs, classes, and sports from students and teachers.

The exact size of the pictures is drawn off on the copy sheets and information edited and typed in the planned places. The advisor then checks carefully every sheet, a shipping record is made, and the copy mailed.

The last shipment leaves by the middle of March, and your book arrives in May.

Miss Carolyn Fuller, assistant advisor, checks her list to see what picture the photographer should make next.



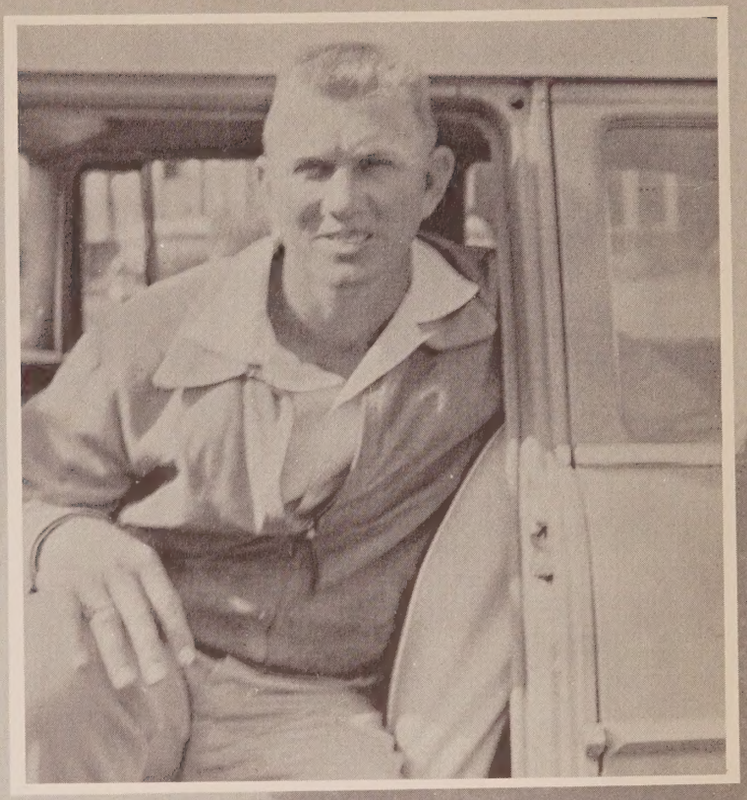
"The Jacket Buzz Wants Victory" in the homecoming game. Mr. Lon Watters, Taylor Publishing Company representative, assisted the staff in decorating this homecoming float.

On Florida State University campus attending journalism conference are Ralph Harris, Gary Martin, Miss Fuller, Geraldine Hicks, Elizabeth Brock, and Mrs. Dykes. Hannah Ruth Hinson was the photographer.

STRIVE FOR

W.C. HICKMAN, Head Coach

VICTORY

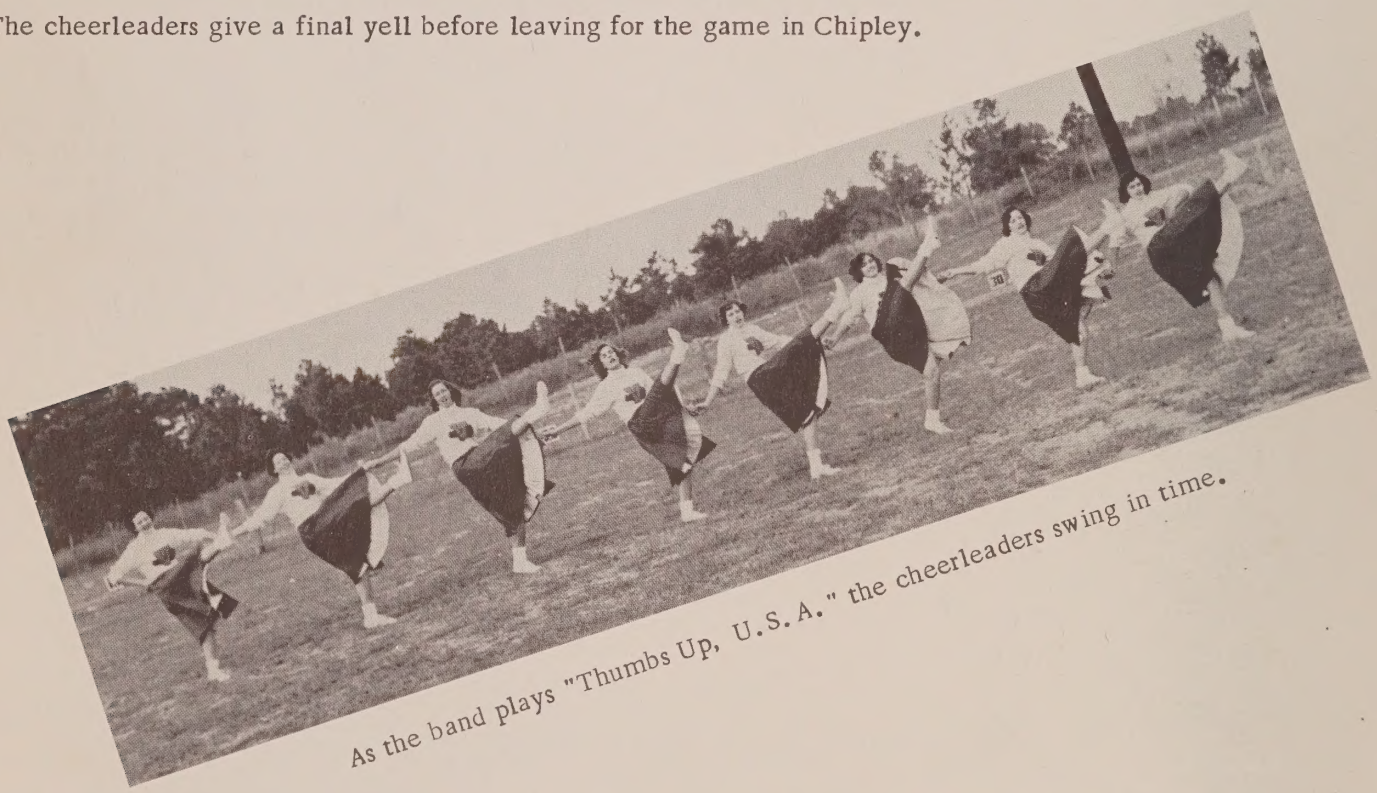


SAM MITCHELL, Assistant Coach

CHEER-LEADERS

Elected cheerleaders this year for their first time are Roxie Ann Johns, Melanie Dixon, June Musson, Mary Lou Galloway, and Barbara McFatter. Geraldine Hicks has cheered four years, Yvonne Parrish three years, and Beverly Weaver two years.

The cheerleaders give a final yell before leaving for the game in Chipley.



As the band plays "Thumbs Up, U.S.A." the cheerleaders swing in time.

Giving

Yvonne Parrish
Geraldine Hicks
Roxie Ann Johns
Melanie Dixon

MISS CAROLYN FULLER
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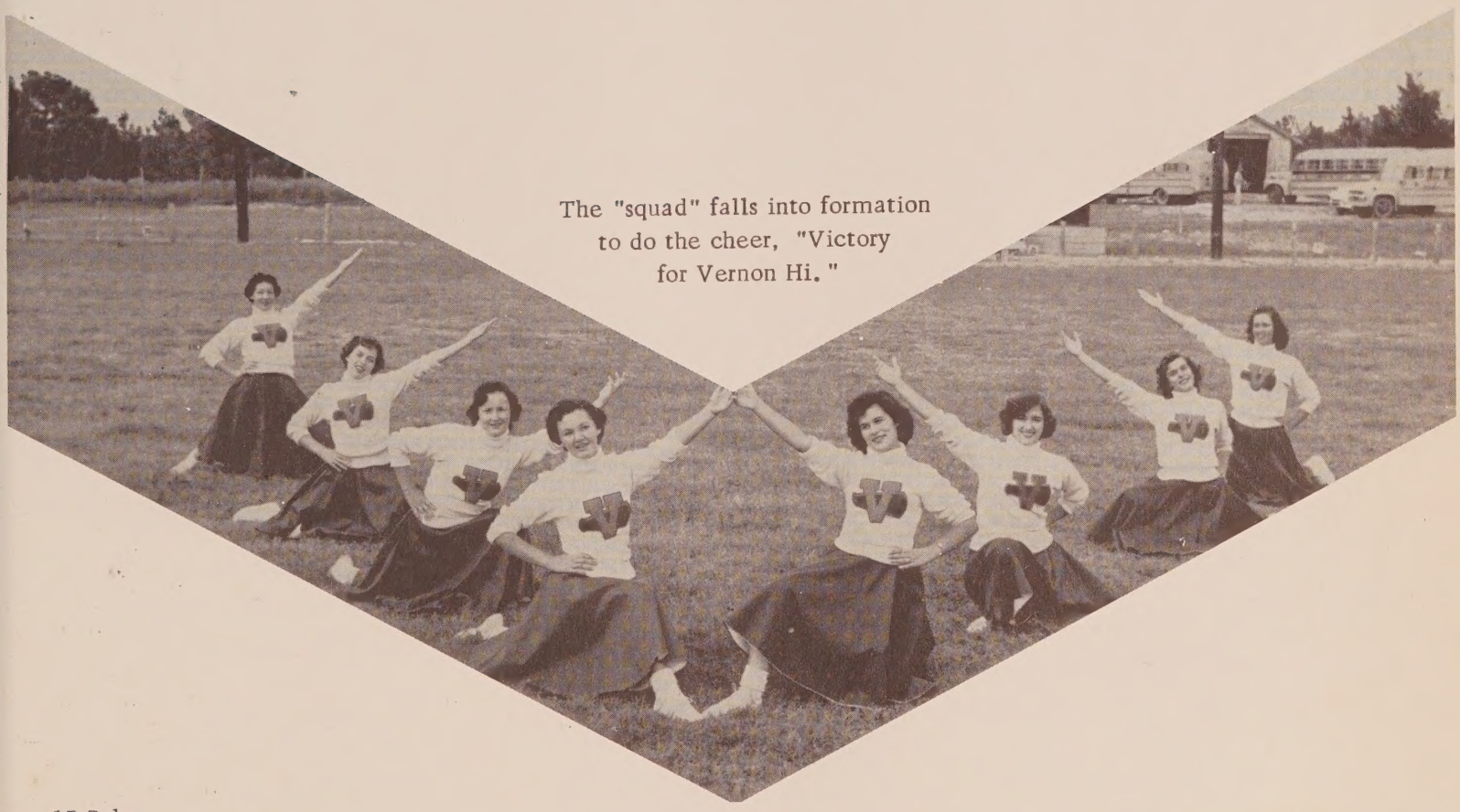
Captain Barbara McFatter and Co-Captain Geraldine Hicks experiment with a new jump.

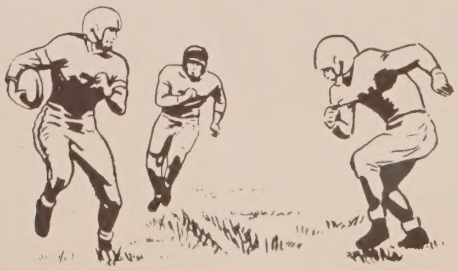


The "squad" falls into formation to do the cheer, "Victory for Vernon Hi."

15 Rahs

June Musson
Beverly Weaver
Mary Lou Galloway
Barbara McFatter

The complete squad with coaches are (back row) Mr. W.C. Hickman, Head Coach; Archie Yates, G; Hilton Kelly, E; Donald Haddock, G; Helton Haddock, G; Carlton Miller, B; Bobby Padgett, B; Joe Baldwin, B; Buck Dykes, B; Rodney Parrish, E and B; George Nelson, G; Jimmy Goodson, T; Sam Mitchell, Assistant Coach. (Front row) Preston Haddock, G; Harrell Wells, T; Jimmy Harrell, E; Eugene Hudson, E; Don Hewett, T; Earl Gainey, T; Charles Lewis, C; Johnny Calhoun, G and T; Wade Hall, T; Hulen Carter, E; Jimmy Savage, T; Doyle Bush, T; Hurtis Davis, E; and Theodore Simmons, T.



The victory over Chipley was considered our most important game. The starting line-up was (left to right) Gene Hudson, Don Hewett, Earl Gainey, Charles Lewis, Johnny Calhoun, Wade Hall, Hulen Carter, and (backs) Carlton Miller, Joe Baldwin, Bobby Padgett, and Charles Mason.

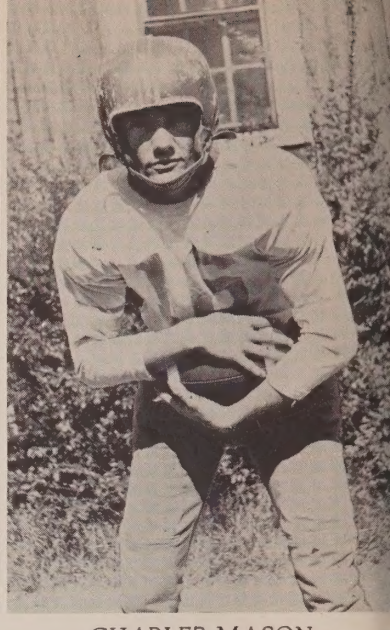
All the boys that played in this game were (backs) Charles Mason, Donald Haddock, Carlton Miller, Buck Dykes, Joe Baldwin, Bobby Padgett, Jimmy Savage, Rodney Parrish, Gene Hudson, Earl Gainey, Doyle Bush, Charles Lewis, Johnny Calhoun, Wade Hall, and Hulen Carter.

The backs, who were so outstanding in this victorious year, are Bobby Padgett, Rodney Parrish, Helton Haddock, Carlton Miller, Buck Dykes, Joe Baldwin, and Charles Mason.

JOE BALDWIN
Fullback

CARLTON MILLER
Quarterback

BOBBY PADGETT
Halfback



CHARLES MASON
Halfback

HERTIS DAVIS, HARRELL WELLS
Second Team

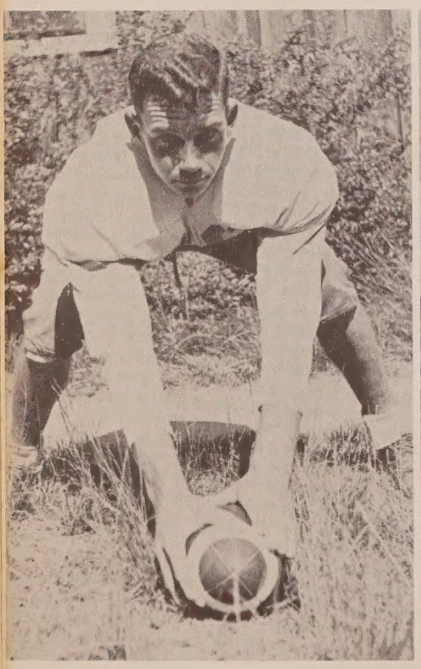
The Vernon Yellow Jackets closed the most successful season in the history of the school with a total of six wins and three losses.

The season opened September 16, with a record-breaking event: Vernon defeated Chipley, their greatest rival, with a score of 13-6. This set the stride for the Jackets.

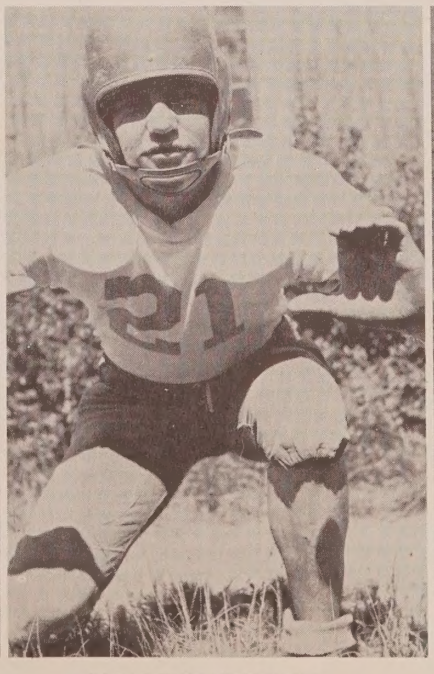
SCORE

Vernon	13	Chipley	6
Vernon	60	Baker	0
Vernon	7	Altha	0
Vernon		Jay (cancelled)	
Vernon	12	Chattahoochee	33

The Jackets broke another record by defeating Bonifay at their homecoming by a score of 20-12. Halfback Charles Mason intercepted a pass and ran 35 yards for a touchdown.



CHARLES LEWIS
Center



DONALD HADDOCK
Center

EARL GAINEY
Right Guard

DOYLE BUSH
Left Guard

BUCK DYKES
Halfback

RODNEY PARRISH
Halfback

GENE HUDSON
Right End

HULAN CARTER
Left End

BOARD

Vernon	0	Florida High	33
Vernon	6	Choctawhatchee	39
Vernon	20	Bonifay	12
Vernon	12	Bay High "B"	6
Vernon	19	Coffee Springs	7

This was one of the outstanding plays of the season.

For their fifth victory, Buck Dykes led the Jackets to a 12-6 win over Bay High "B" Team, with two electrifying runs.

Bobby Padgett, halfback and captain of the team, was outstanding in all games, especially at Homecoming, where he ran two touchdowns to lead the Yellow Jackets to victory over the Coffee Springs Bears to close a victorious season.

JIMMY HARRELL, HELTON HADDOCK
Second Team

JOHNNY CALHOUN
Left Guard

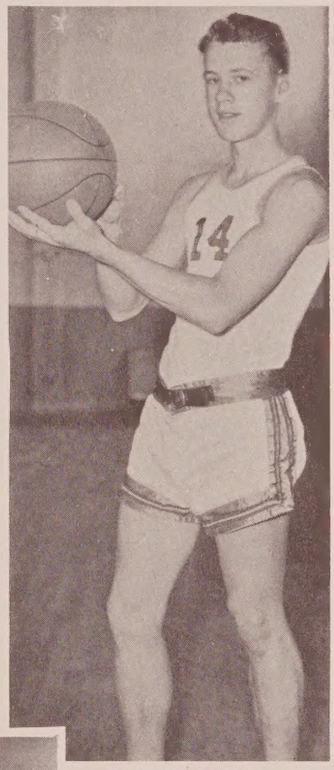
WADE HALL
Left Tackle

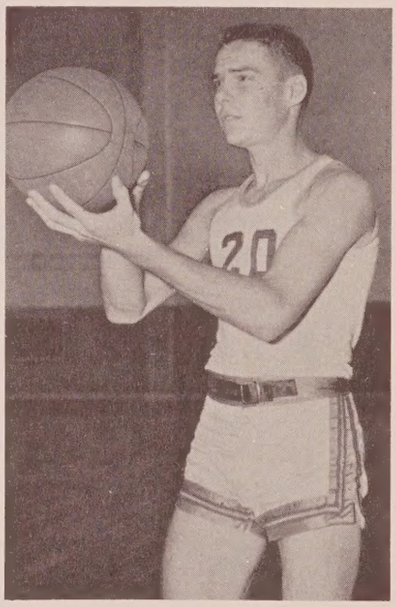
DON HEWETT
Right Tackle

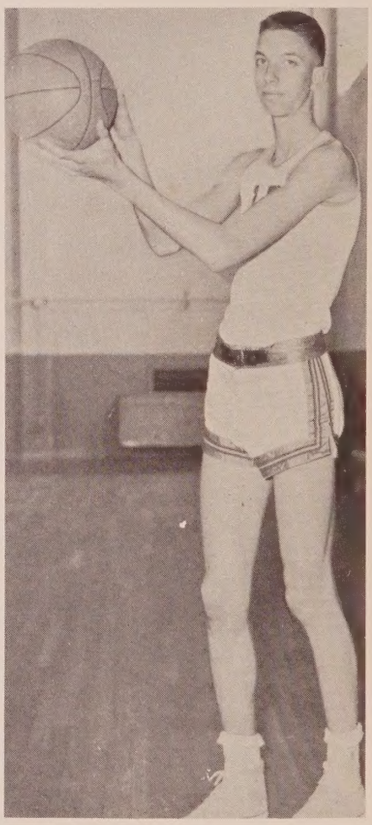
JIMMY SAVAGE
Left Tackle

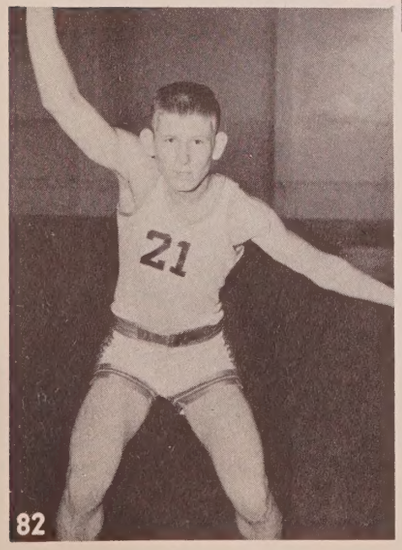
V.H.S.	Played		
74	F.I.S.	-	52
48	Ponce de Leon	-	50
64	Sneads	-	61
39	Port St. Joe	-	59
64	Chipley	-	48
78	Grand Ridge	-	47
60	F.I.S.	-	47
64	Bonifay	-	44
43	Greenwood	-	37
69	Jay	-	63
68	Cottondale	-	69
48	Port St. Joe	-	49
45	Capbellton	-	47

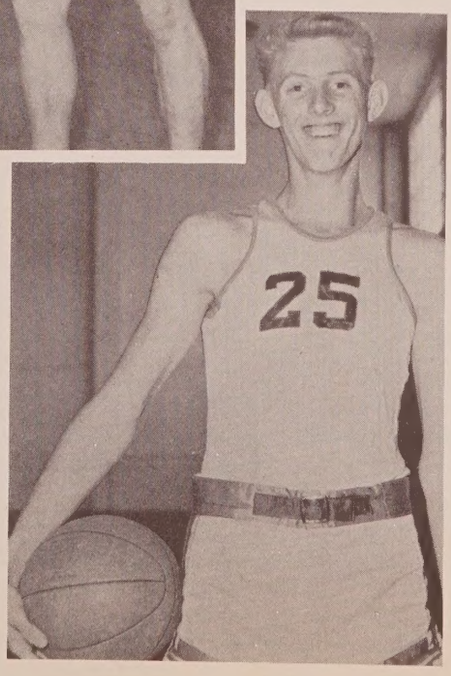
These Vernon High School basketball players won 14 games during the season just ended. They lost 8 games, 5 of them by a margin of one point each. Coach Sam Mitchell believes that it is a record for close games, in one season. From left to right at top, players are Bobby Padgett, Buddy Dietz, Corbin Scott, Gene Hudson and Rodney Parrish. Bottom row: Joe Baldwin, Edward Horne, Aaron Todd, Carlton Miller and Jerry Hickman.

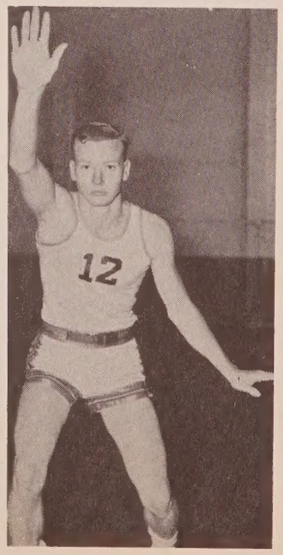


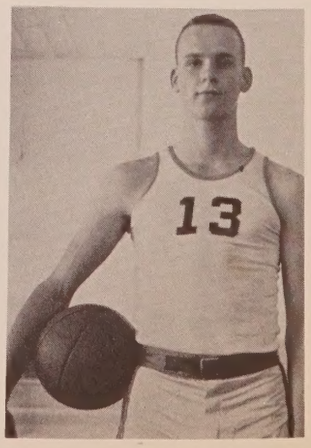












V.H.S.	Played	
74	Coffee Springs	39
58	Bonifay	46
53	Campbellton	48
36	Ponce de Leon	37
53	Grand Ridge	36
59	Cottondale	56
72	Sneads	73
82	Chipley	32
37	Baker	71
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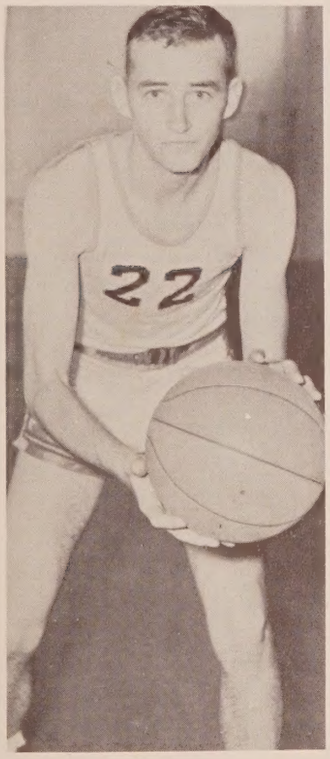
55	Wewa	82
District Tournament		
58	Jay	68
61	Ponce de Leon	53

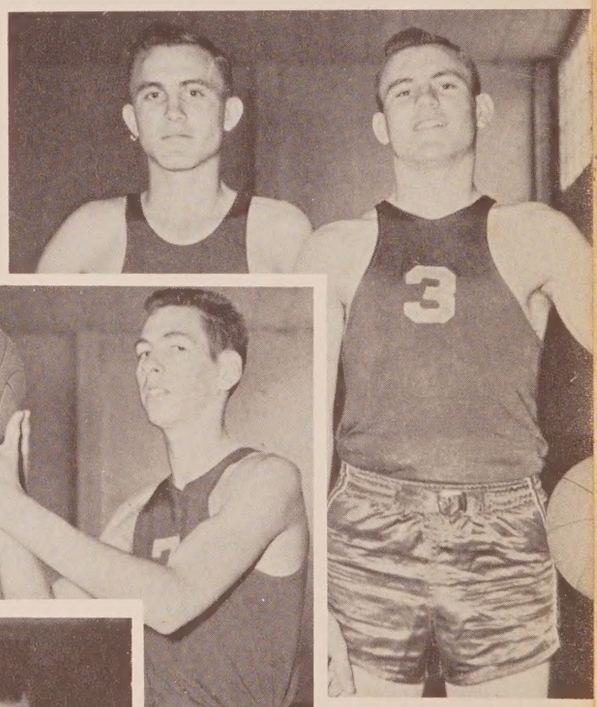


(Above) Bobby Padgett, Captain and forward.

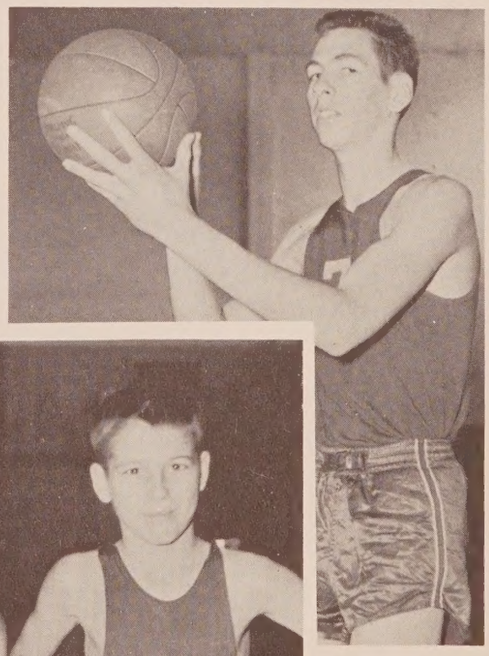
Pictured on opposite page are (back row) Jerry Hickman, guard; Joe Baldwin, guard; Aaron Todd, guard; Corbin Scott, forward; (front row) Carlton Miller, forward; Gene Hudson, center; Edward Horne, guard; and Rodney Parrish, forward.

The "B" Team Boys (left to right) are (back row) Philip Waller, Donald Haddock, Ralph Harris, Hilton Kelly, Jimmy Harrell, Helton Haddock. Front row: Ronald Cook, Clinton Hicks, Herman Jenkins and James Moore.

Helton and Donald Haddock

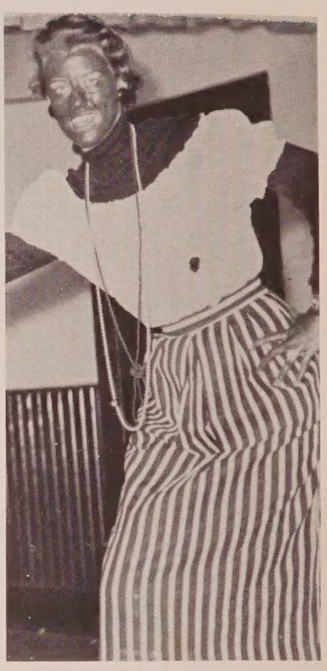


Ralph Harris
Clinton Hicks
James Moore



The "B" Team won 20 of 22 games during the season. Their two defeats were by Port St. Joe and Baker.

Halloween queens and their escorts are, left to right: Rhonda Dalton, Marvin Martin, elementary school; Margaret Bruner, Wayne Carter, junior high; crown bearer, Kenneth Roberts; Principal Wilson Roberts, Evelyn Cook and G. W. Kelly, senior high.



Mary C. May goes through her act, "St. Louis Blues," which turned out to be one of the most interesting skits of the carnival.

Junior Hi queen Margaret Bruner and escort Wayne Carter are announced as they participate in the coronation ceremony.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Mr. W. T. McFatter, Jr., Washington County Superintendent of Public Instruction, presents one of the seniors of the 1955 graduating class with her diploma.

Graduation is always thought of as a "special event," and, of course, everybody looks forward to it. The class of '56 wore white caps and gowns instead of the traditional navy.

V. H. S. band leads big parade up Main Street

HOMECOMING

Miss Evelyn Cook, Halloween queen, represents the P. T. A. in the parade.

Queen candidates ride down Main Street on float.

Prize-winning float pictures graves representing teams defeated by V. H. S. The F. F. A. set up this float.

Majorettes prance through intricate steps on Homecoming night.

Bobby Padgett, captain of football team, escorts Miss Loretta Hightower, Homecoming queen, off the field.

The Queen's court and their escorts are left to right: George Nelson, Miss Iris Bush, Wade Hall, Miss Geraldine Hicks, Doyle Bush, Miss June Musson, Jimmy Savage, Miss Joyce Tyre, Miss Loretta Hightower, Homecoming queen, and Bobby Padgett, football captain.

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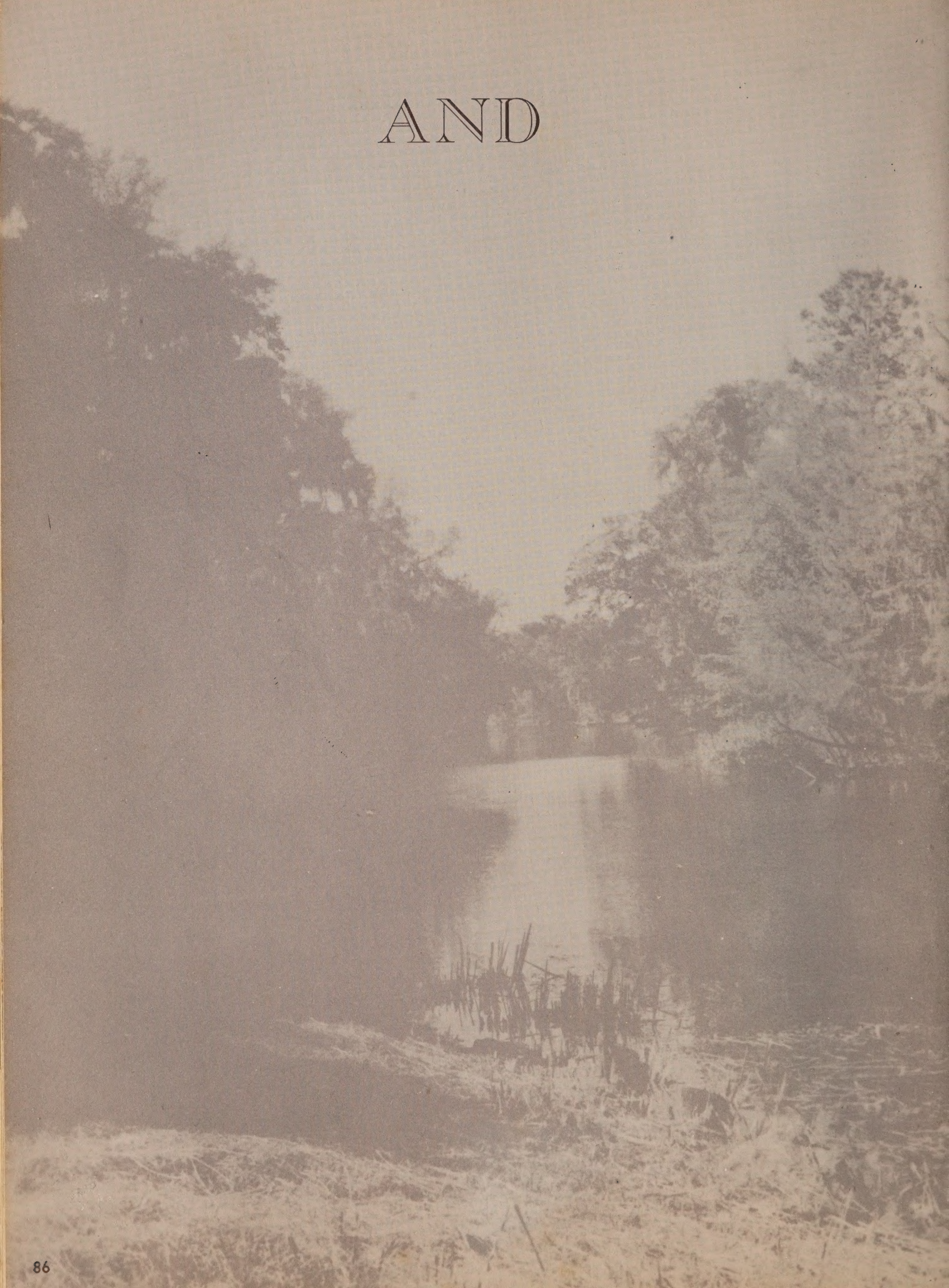

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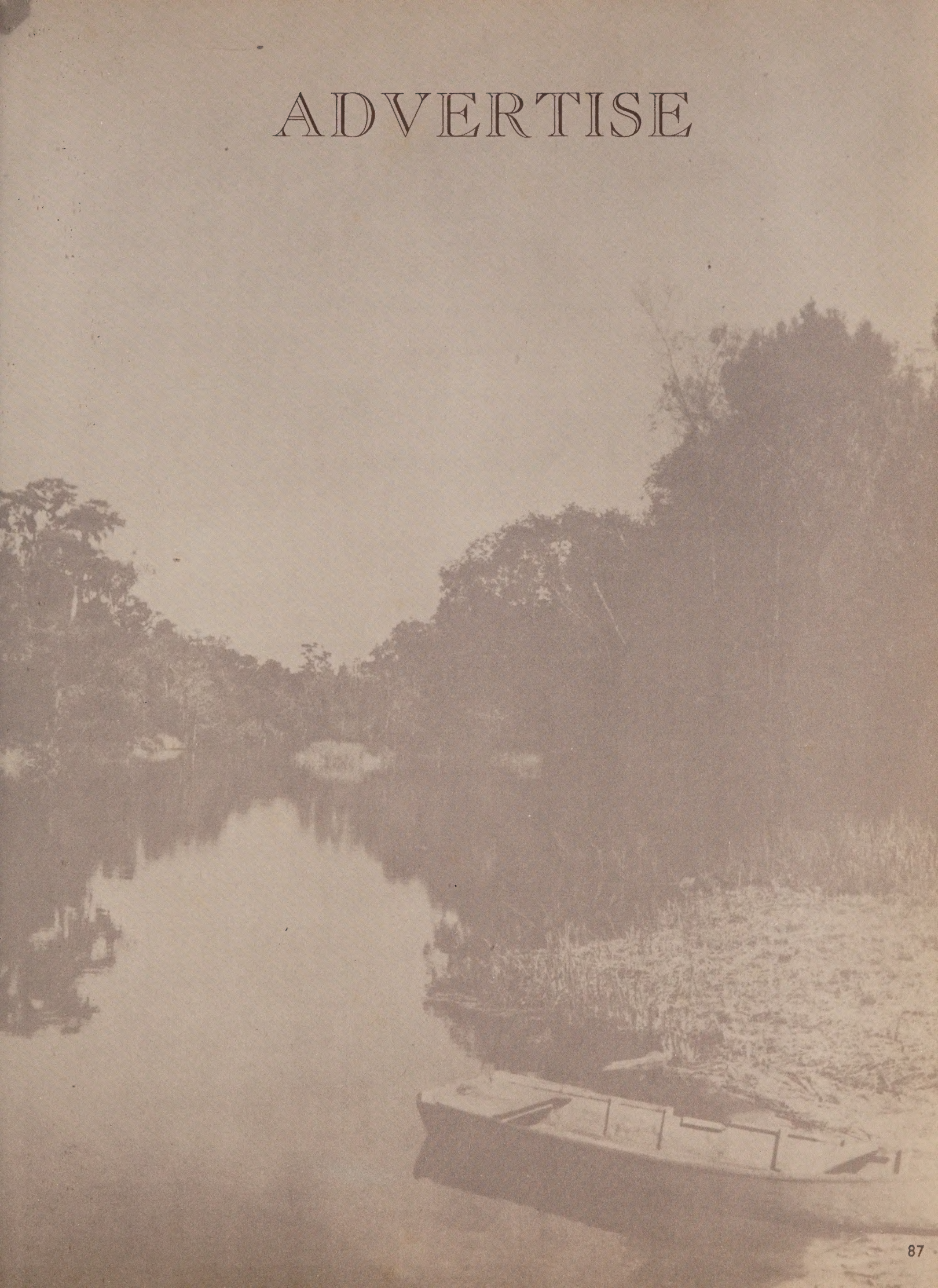

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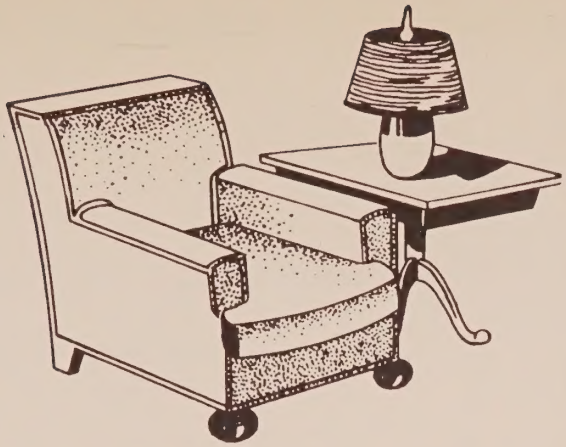

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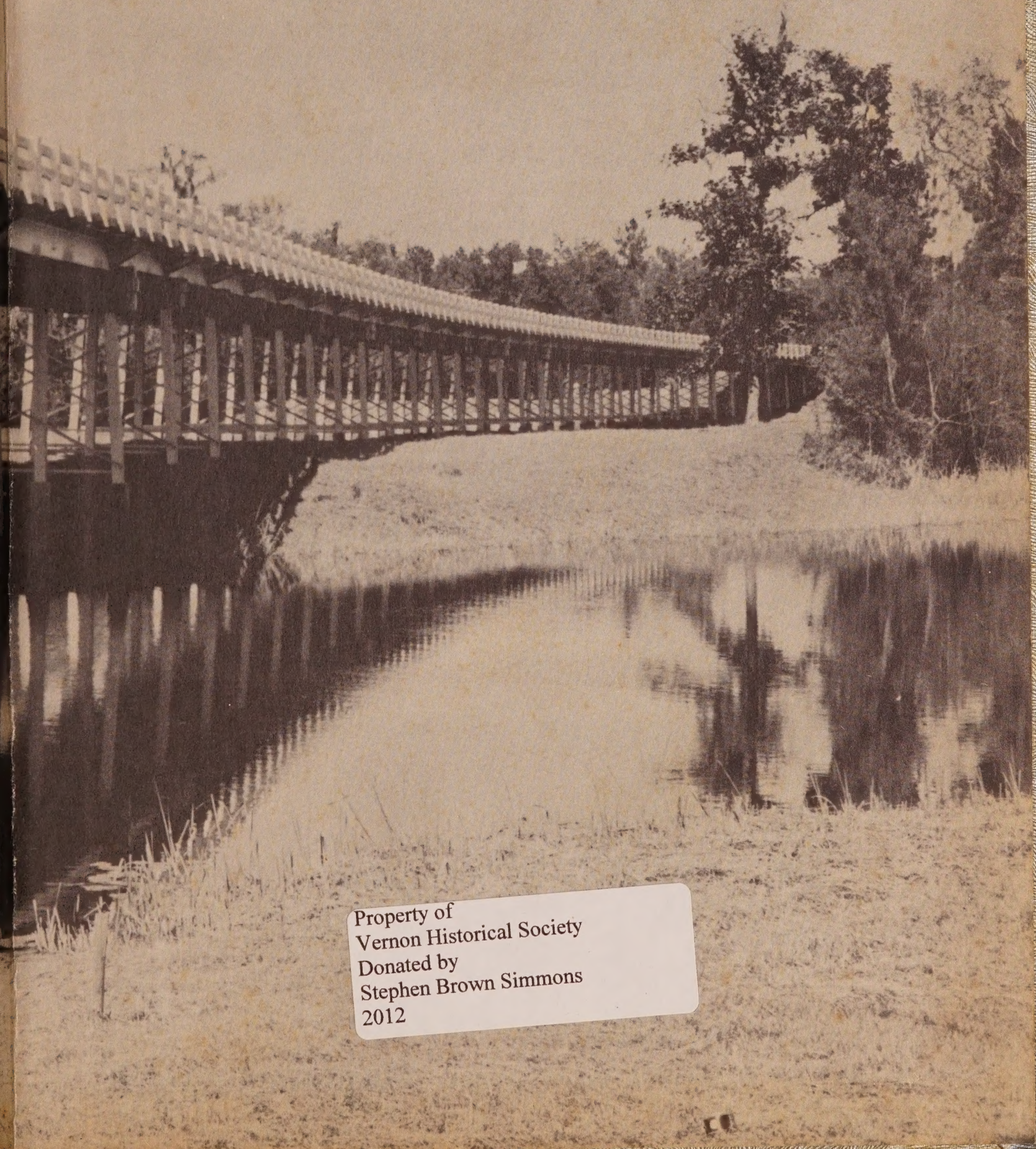

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